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Synopsis

Living carefree at home is the greatest shortcut.

My House is the world's greatest Magic Power Spot,

that being the case both my house and I were summoned to another world by some guys who are aiming for it.

However, I've been living in this place for many years and my body is,

apparently, abnormally overflowing with magic.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances by those guys who summoned me, they quickly ran away.

Be that as it may, there are some ill-mannered people who covet the magic leaking out of my house.

I won't give up my house to those people! I'm going to wield my power as I please!

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Chapter 124: Comfortable As Always

I've slept very well ever since I returned from town.

Though it may have been nearby, sleeping in an unknown place can't compare to the comforts of home.

Maybe it was because my place has a very calm atmosphere that the town lacks.

This being the case....I slept till noon today as well.

「Ah, Good morning Master」

I opened my eyes to a smiling Sakura.

On the table were a number of warm dishes.

「Yeah, good morning Sakura. Also, good job on the preparations.」

「Fufu, I'm an expert on all things Master...I can more or less predict when you are going to wake up. I'll go get the toast for you.」

Sakura said with a smile and went to the kitchen.

Though I'm glad I can get a nice meal right after waking up...I should wash my face first.

Recently I've been able to sleep plenty so my body is in excellent condition.

I'm able to lie down, get up, and eat whenever I need to.

「n? This bread is more delicious than usual.」

Normally I find Sakura's handmade cooking delicious enough... but today it was even more delicious.

「Is that so? I used the usual flour that the wolf people bring us....maybe they brought us expensive flour?」

Is that so? Then I'll need to thank them when I get the chance. Also, I should probably give them more money than usual.

「Thanks to the sales during the festival, the room has gotten quite full after all.」

「That's right, I never would've thought that after emptying the room of apples it would be immediately replaced by money.....」

That's what happened when I brought the money from the store back home.

The end result was...the room that had been covered in a sea of apples was now filled with coins instead.

Actually, the coins took up less room...but they were far heavier.

.....Those wolf people, dragons, and knights bought too much.....

I'm grateful that I was able to sell everything I'd brought, but that room was still unusable for anything else.

That's why I was thinking it might be good to give some to the wolf people to reduce the overflow.

「If I handle this poorly then I might end up with even more...or they might draw back....」

「Ah...ahaha. They certainly did when you tried to hand them a big sack of coins didn't they Master?」

That was definitely true. In truth, I had tried to give away a large amount to them once before but...

『W-we cannot accept such a frightening amount. Please show mercy.』

I was dumbfounded. I thought we'd become better acquainted since last time. I was sure they'd accept, but their attitude changed

back to how they were in the beginning.

In the end they refused to take any more than usual.

I have to be careful.

「Well, I can think about the money situation later. Right now I want to get on with modifying my garden.」

After the spirits began living in the dungeon, my garden has become strangely lively.

The trees grow quickly even without my interference, and there are greater numbers of fruits growing larger.

「It really is the influence of the spirits isn't it?」

「Most likely. I sense that the amount of magic hasn't changed, but the nature of it.」

「Huh, I see.」

Maybe my really good sleep and comfort waking up is also aided by the spirits' power.

「Leaving that aside, those guys are really helpful.」

Since then, I'd left the dungeon's environmental control to the spirits and the monitoring of my onsen. Thanks to that, the atmosphere down there had become much better.

「I'm grateful that they're doing that for me. They're very good at managing things.」

「That's right. They are also being careful around this house (me) so as not to agitate the dragon vein, they are very capable as helpers.」

It seems like they were able to mix in well here with Sakura.

I wouldn't have thought that I would be able to obtain these guys from a trip to town.....especially since they've offered me some more spirit stones. This has enabled many different experiments and I'm having fun with it.

.....I wonder if they'll bring me another one today?

They've been handing them over at a pace of one every few days...even so they have been building up a bit. I'll have to talk more with Hesty about how they can be used.

「Haa...Thanks for the food. It was delicious Sakura.」

「Yes, thank you very much.....also I can sense a person outside that seems to be Dianeia, what shall we do?」

「Huh, Dianeia's here?」

I looked out my window and indeed saw a human figure.

The festival had ended a few days ago so I thought she'd still be busy...I wonder what she needs?

「Well whatever. I'll take a little walk to help with my digestion and go meet her.」

「Ok, have a good day Master.」

Sakura said and I set off to go outside like always.

Chapter 125.5: —Side Dianeia— Ex Post Facto Report

After returning to her office, Dianeia accepted several documents from the Knight Captain.

She not only had to go through the results of the festival, but the failures, points to improve, and statements in droves.

Dianeia looked through them one by one but...

「Umm, these are.....from the people on the edges of our territory?」

「Yes, they mostly engage in agriculture and each and every one of them is having a very abundant harvest. This is the cause for the great number of documents regarding them.」

Thanks to the festival, the usually large amount of paperwork was even more disgustingly profuse.....honestly she was well and truly sick of it but.....

「Haha, what a wonderful problem.」

「Indeed...this is a record breaking harvest this year.」

「I see I see. Since we used up so much in the festival this year, I'm glad that the next harvest more than makes up for the

consumption.」

Thanks to a larger turnout than ever before, huge amounts of food had been consumed.

However, according to the documents this year's harvest was incomparable in quality, quantity, and speed of growth. It gave her a feeling of mixed surprise and happiness.

「This is great.」

「Yes. How should I put this, I would've never even imagined that this sort of thing could be due to the favor of one man's power.」

The Knight Captain said smiling wryly.

There's no way that you'd normally think that a single man could change the circumstances of an entire city or town. Dianeia could truly understand that feeling.

「But still, though we must accord Daichi-dono every courtesy, we need to figure out a way to survive our future problems without relying on him too much.」

「We of the Knight Order agree with this train of thought. If we were to be too spoiled by him, our training would fall by the wayside and we would become weak and fearful. For us his power has become a great stimulus to improve.」

Now that he mentioned it, the knights had been awfully passionate in their training recently. Seemingly all of them had experienced a growth in strength.

「Un, that's right. I too thought that I was being too complacent. It made me want to train even harder.」

If not then she wouldn't even be able to catch up to him in her lifetime.

「No no, isn't your highness already a Top Class Arch Mage? Wasn't the association surprised at your power last time? Before long you'll advance to the rank of Grand Magus (Ultra Grade).」

「Haha, thanks for the flattery Knight Captain. However, the matter of ranking up will have to be put off for a while.」

Rather than caring about her rank, she'd rather increase her abilities. That was her true wish.

「So that I can train more I need to finish this job quickly. Let's do it lickety-split Knight Captain.」

「Alright. Well then Princess, there is one matter that deserves your attention.」

「Hm?」

The Knight Captain handed her a sheet of paper.

「It's this one.」

「Fumu.....large and mutated plants, small caves being produced?」

The document was attached to a map with several red X's marked on it. Those must be the underground caves but...

「Those caves....have they turned into dungeons?」

If a dungeon once again appeared near the town, then it'd be a real problem.

「According to the scouts, monsters have not been produced at a high rate.」

「I see.....then for a while I'll leave it up to investigation. According to the scouts' reports, I may head out myself.」

「Ha, understood. I will send out the orders posthaste.」

The Knight Captain left the office briskly.

「Fuu.....so they aren't all good reports. Even though the festival

has ended the troubles haven't.」

Dianeia prepared herself to go to war with these documents as she muttered those words.

More accurately, the festival was a special time...and now things were returning to normal.

.....she couldn't always have a festival attitude.

She had just committed herself to training harder a short while ago.

Promising not to let her guard down, Dianeia once again reaffirmed her feelings.

Though the town might not run out of troubles, the man in the forest would continue living at his own pace.

Chapter 125: The Things That Come And The Things You Receive

Dianeia waved her hand from outside of the garden.

「Sorry to come bothering you right after the festival ended Daichi-dono.」

「That's fine.....but why are you waving from all the way over there?」

It would've been fine if you came in further.

「Umm well.....somehow I felt the magic of the four spirits from within the garden and I was wondering if something was wrong?」

「Hm? Nothing's wrong. I'm just having them keep the environment here good for my garden.」

「.....ah that's why it feels so comfortable around here. I thought it was strange. I see.....well it can't be helped if it's Daichi-dono.」

Dianeia nodded to herself. I feel like there's something off with her words...but I guess I'll ignore it for now. What I want to know more is.....

「What is inside that basket?」

Dianeia was carrying a huge basket.

I wonder what she brought?

「These are the clothes I wanted to return.....they were clothes that I'd worn of course so I thought it'd be best if I brought new ones. I've brought clothes weaved in Prussia.」

She said and opened the basket.

Inside were various clothes, underwear, and cloths of various types.

「I didn't know what you'd like so I brought different ones, just tell me which ones feel best.」

Dianeia said as she handed me the basket. I touched the clothes lightly.

They felt silky to the touch and I felt that they would be very comfortable.

「I had the royal family's craftsman make these custom for your size....they should fit right?」

「Wait a second.....yeah they're fine.」

I held one of them up to my body to check and it seemed a perfect fit.

「I'm glad. I'd be happy if you'd wear them from time to time.」

「Yeah, thank you.」

Then after I accepted the basket she took another out from behind her and placed it in front of me.

「Also, this is another thing to thank you.」

Inside it were many different vegetables but....

「Another thing? But nothing I've done has anything to do with vegetables.」

「No no, you did do something. For the three days that you stayed in town the magic power of the neighborhood accumulated quite a lot. It improved the environment and business for them. Among them was this.」

Dianeia said as she pointed to the vegetables.

I wonder what part of these were magical.

「You know how magic power helps promote the growth of things right? Well, thanks to your visit to town there was an abundant harvest.」

「Huh...that's true isn't it.」

「It doesn't need to be said, but the quality improved as well.」

Maybe that's the reason why the bread made with the recently delivered flour was more delicious?

Later I should taste them and compare.

「Be that as it may, you didn't have to give thanks expressly for that Dianeia.」

「No no, I was in your care a few days ago as well.....Ah also Athena and them said they wanted to meet Daichi-dono again.」

「Athena? She hasn't returned to the royal capital yet?」

「Yeah. She's still in the castle. So I was wondering if they could come over when you're free?」

When I'm free? Basically I spend my time sleeping at home, walking around, making golems, and fixing my garden.....so I guess you could say I'm free.

「That's ok. As long as they don't cause trouble it's alright.」

「I-I see! I'm glad.....that means I should be able to come too without needing to justify it....that's good!」

Dianeia seemed happy as she muttered incomprehensibly to herself.

.....I didn't think she'd be so happy that she gripped her hands like that....

When Dianeia saw me looking at her she hid her hands shyly.

「Ah, w-well then, I'll return and keep working! Thanks for today Daichi-dono!」

「Ok, See ya」

And so Dianeia left hurriedly.

She seems as busy as ever.

「Well whatever, let's take a walk.」

Maybe I should try a different route today.

I took the baskets I'd received inside and started walking through

the garden and forest to work up a light sweat.

Chapter 126: Proof Of Growth And Recovery Of Power

After returning from my walk, I went into the garden with Hesty.

In front of me was a bag of transparent stones shedding faint light.

「Ok then, how do we use these spirit stones?」

「They can be used similar to magic stones. However, because of their quality and flexibility in use, it'd be a waste to use them as fuel.」

According to Hesty these were of a different material than magic stones.

When I found out that they could only be produced by spirits at certain intervals, I already kind of understood that.

But the question now is how to use them.

「Hesty do you have a good idea?」

I thought I'd ask...Hesty slowly inclined her head and pointed at my wand.

「Attach it, to your wand? It's strong, and flexible so I could try while, doing maintenance?」

「Maintenance huh?」

That's right...since Hesty gave it to me I'd used it to within an inch of its life.

I should have it maintained. I thought as I looked at the wand when...

「Ooooooooooooo——」

A dragon roared from above as it swooped down.

It didn't say anything understandable in the dragon language, it just roared so I couldn't tell what was going on but...

「Trees, become a shield for me.」

It was dangerous so I had the trees grow into a shield for me and stop that dragon.

「Gu!? Oooooooooo!」

The forcefully stopped dragon once again attacked slowly trying to push through the shield.

「Hey Hesty...it's attacking really violently, do you know this one?」

「n~ no. It looks like one who has lost their intelligence. You can, beat it up. You can't talk to it, and it isn't one of mine.」

I see. Then I won't hold back.」

「『Golem』 turn gigantic and hit it.」

It was bothersome to control them one by one for this, so I created a magic key for it.

A second or two later a big golem rose up and punched the dragon right in its face.

「Gi.....!?!」

And so the dragon went spinning off into the forest.

「Un, good.」

That was no problem I thought, but....

「.....somehow, it seems like your, creation speed, and power, went up?」

Hesty said as she watched the dragon get blown away with surprise.

「Really?」

Now that she mentioned it, the speed was pretty abnormal this time.

I feel like before it would've taken quite a bit more time.

「The speed has definitely increased, and the magic within the golem, increased as well.....you grew too quickly. That was really surprising.」

「Well, I think only this aspect has really improved. On the whole I only think I've improved a bit.」

「n.....a bit. That's right...this might be a bit for you.....」

Hesty said seeming to sulk. Maybe I said something bad again.

Be that as it may, growth is a good thing I thought and looked at my hand...

「——wait, the wand has some cracks.」

「Eh!? Really?」

「Here look. It's cracked right here.」

There was a big crack right in the middle of it.

It had been fine until now.....maybe it was using the magic key to create that giant golem.

「n~ that might be. You used it too, hard.....and it couldn't take it.」

「Seriously?」

「I made this very sturdy. It's proved by, not breaking for several, months. However, look...it broke just like that.」

Hesty shook her head back and forth.

「It couldn't handle your, growth and broke. In a sense, it is proof of your growth.」

「Yeah, that might be. But I feel like it's a waste.」

I was feeling sad about using it too hard and breaking it when,

「It's ok. I'm here, so I can strengthen it. I will make something,

that can withstand, you.」

「Ok, sorry Hesty.」

「No no, it's ok. I enjoy it.」

「Enjoy it? You mean making wands?」

I asked and Hesty smiled a bit.

「n, that too, but I enjoy watching you use the wands that I make with all my ability. It might be, as a craftsman I like to watch, my wands get used to their, full potential.」

「Eh? Even broken?」

「When they break, I can look for points, to improve, so that is fun as well. I also like watching, your growth.」

Hesty said as she patted the wand affectionately.

「So, I'll make your equipment properly. Just wait, for me.」

「Ok, then I'll leave it to you Hesty.」

「n」

And so Hesty began to hammer away with spirit stone and wand in hand.

Bam Bam, the sound of wood, metal, and stone being hit rang out as I waited around.

Chapter 127: Testing New Equipment With A Combat Encounter

Evening passed into night before it was ready.

Hesty handed me a beautifully polished white wand.

「Here, I finished the maintenance, and strengthening」

「Already? That was fast.」

「Because I wasn't making it, from scratch.」

I took the wand in my hand and felt that the sensation and weight hadn't changed that much from before.

However, I could feel something from it.

「It should be, around twice as tough as before. It is strong enough to break, rocks if you use it for, hitting, yet still flexible.」

「That good?」

「n, I didn't think it could, withstand your power if, I didn't do that much. However, I think now you can, use it with your full, power.」

Apparently she has quite the confidence in her new work as she puffed up her chest in pride.

Since I'd gotten such a good thing, I wanted to try it out quickly but....

.....what should I do?

The onsen maintenance and modifications were better done by image magic, and the changing of my house's shape didn't take that much power.

「Then growing trees and creating golems is the easiest way to test out the new power....」

I walked over to an empty plot and planted apple seeds before gripping my wand.

「《Grow and bloom with fruits.》」

The moment I spoke several apple trees shot up out of the ground.

Furthermore, they had beautiful red fruits hanging from each and every one of them.

「Oh~ it's been some time since I've done this, but it's become so easy.」

「.....it wasn't just the golems, your speed with growing trees, has gotten faster too. The magic power in the apples has gotten thicker, too. Your growth is, abnormal.」

「Well...even if you tell me that.....」

Hesty looked at me with harsh eyes before moving her gaze to the wand.

「n, but it properly, worked with your magic and, magic key.」

「That's right. I feel like it's even easier to use than before.」

「I'm glad.....but after you created so, many apple trees, what are you going to do, about harvesting them?」

「Ah.....」

I hadn't thought about that. I'll have to adjust the amount of harvesting golems and find a place to put these apples now.

.....I'd finally gotten rid of some of them and now I have more than ever.

Well, they stayed fresh surprisingly well and were quite popular as snacks among the spirits.

As I was wondering about where I'd put them....

「Ah, the dragon is, coming.」

「Hm?」

Hesty pointed out to the forest and there was.....

「Guoooooooo!!」

A dragon dashing towards us.

This time it was two of them.

「What? There seem to be a lot of them coming today?」

「I wonder why. For a number of dragons, to lose their reason, all at once...I think I should, investigate a bit.」

I see. Well, I can leave that to Hesty.

Now I need to drive away those dragons...something new.

The golems are enough to handle things from the ground, but things that fly were still troublesome.

.....I had made some anti-air things before, but they could only knock them down.

Once they fell in the garden, it'd be a pain to clean up.

Maybe I should make a golem that can send them flying away.

「Well, for now I should personally drive them away. I just grew some new trees and have a new wand.....《Golem x100》」

According to the magical key, the apple trees that I had grown transformed into golems.

「I'll leave it to you.」

I said and the golems all turned their gazes to the dragons.

「Gi.....!?!」

Seeing this, the dragons faltered.

However, the golems didn't care and began moving.

They advanced towards the golems at a lumbering run...

「——」

「Gu, Guaaaaaaaaa.....!!」

The golems hit the dragons like waves on the shore and sent them flying.

「That'll wrap it up. The wand.....didn't break.」

Since I've used it twice like this...it should be alright.

「I properly, raised the, durability. I'm glad that, it came out alright, in the real test.」

Hesty said looking satisfied.

I do have a greater sense of security in using this wand.

「Thank you Hesty. I'll use it properly.」

「n, if it can't hold on, just tell me. I'll, fix it up.」

「Ok」

Once we finished talking, I felt it was just the right time to go back inside and eat.

I'll just let the golems run around for now and fix up the garden tomorrow.

Chapter 128: Promise With The Dragon King

The next day as I was fiddling around with my garden and preparing golems, Anne arrived.

「Daichi-sama, good morning.」

「Oh Anne? What's up?」

It was quite the sudden visit, I wonder if anything happened?

「There is a little something I'd like to ask.....the other day, three dragons were blown away from this direction...did you do it?」

「Yeah.」

I see. The guys that I blew away must've cleared the forest and reached the plains.

Thinking of that, my golems must have been strengthened.

Until now such a thing hadn't happened when I fought dragons.

「Was there any damage?」

「No, they quickly ran away crying, but.....I wonder if there has

been trouble between you and the dragons?」

「No, not particularly. They just came attacking like usual.」

Well, there were times when I needed to defeat them personally because I wasn't prepared...

When Anne heard what I said, she let out a big sigh of relief.

「Is that so? Thank goodness. Up until now it was just slimes and boars that were sent flying.....I didn't know what to do when dragons started appearing too.」

Ah, so the other monsters got blown that far away...

Thankfully, there hadn't been any injuries or damage, so there shouldn't be a problem but...

「There might be more getting blown away like that in the future...」

「Eh? Why?」

「Right now I'm creating equipment to blow things away.」

Though I say that, it wasn't anything grand. It was just to allow the golems to automatically repel things that came flying towards

us.

「If there's any danger I can always adjust the power, is that alright?」

「Yes, as long as they land in the empty prairies it is fine.」

Good, then I can continue with the current setting.

「Oh, there is one thing I wanted to ask...when the dragons landed they scattered some fangs and scales...we were hoping you would allow us to collect them.」

Anne nodded while asking.

I just wondered why she needed my permission. Just take them if you want them.

「Well, they were things you sent flying away. You have the rights to them so I have a problem with taking them without asking.」

「You've got integrity as always. But you don't have to worry, I was just driving them away from my home.」

Actually, this was the first time that I'd hit them hard enough to drop scales.

「Well, though they may have lost their reason, they are dragons. Usually you can't remove their scales without time and a lot of magic.....for the shock to be strong enough to knock them loose...」

「Well it's good since they can be used as materials.」

「Th-that's right. —then I will thankfully accept them.」

Anne bowed then furtively looked around.

She was probably looking for Hesty again but....

「.....uuu, I want to see Aneuesama again but I don't have time.....」

Anne dropped her shoulders but didn't move otherwise.

「You won't go looking around for Hesty today right?」

Well, even if she did, Hesty was out on an errand and wasn't home.

「Honestly, I really want to...but I have business in the Valley of the Dragons. I absolutely must go.」

「Business?」

「Just a little gathering of dragons and Dragon Kings. Would you like to come too Daichi-sama?」

「No...I won't.」

I don't really have a reason to either.

「However, I heard that the ruler of the Valley of the dragons was Daichi.....」

「No, I don't intend to rule it. Just that they don't come attacking.」

Actually, aside from knowing of its existence, I've never gone there even once.

It sounds very steep and rocky so I don't think I'd want to go for a walk there.

「Is that so....I understand. Then I would like to return around the evening, I will bring some gifts from the Valley, would that be alright?」

「I don't mind, but I can't tell you if you'll meet Hesty or not ok?」

「ugu.....n-no. That's alright. I can bear with just smelling the scent of Hesty-aneuesama....」

Anne said with a smile as she started smelling and breathing in deeply. Her nose started bleeding. I can't help but think again....Hesty must have it hard being followed around by this kind of Dragon King.

「Well, I understand. Come when you can.」

「Ok, thank you very much! Alright then, please excuse me.」

And so Anne headed off.

I didn't know what she'd be doing, but if it didn't cause trouble I'd be fine.

.....I should probably let Hesty know about this though.

I thought as I started strengthening my garden's defenses.

Chapter 129: Relaxing While Dragon Kings Gather

After Anne left I continued making Golems.

「Ok, it should be something like this...」

It looked unexpectedly grim faced once I'd finished, but for taking care of things from the air it was perfect. Now I'd be able to drive them away easily I thought patting this new golem when...

「I'm home. As always you come up, with strong looking, golems.」

Hesty came home.

「Oh, welcome back. How was town?」

「n, same as always.....however it still hasn't, calmed down. The post festival excitement is still, going on so, it took time to, gather the materials.」

She said and put down the sack on her shoulder.

Inside of it were bottles covered in cloth and filled with fluids. I wonder if she's going to make something again...

「Once it's done I'll show you, so use it as you please.」

「Oh thank you. —oh also Anne was here a while ago.」

When she heard me speak the word Anne, she immediately hid behind me.

She peeked out and looked around furtively.

「.....where?」

「Well, she's not here now. She said she had business in the Dragon Valley. Seemingly a gathering of Dragon Kings.」

I said, and Hesty seemed to realize something and nodded in understanding.

「Ahh.....The Dragon King Council. It was already that, time.」

「Dragon King Council? What is that?」

From the sound of it, it doesn't sound particularly peaceful.

「Well, sometimes it gets rowdy, but I think it will be peaceful, this time. It's a meeting that happens every once in a while (decades) where nearby Dragon Kings, meet up.」

「Eh~ why did this thing come into existence?」

「Well Dragon Kings are strong, and they usually neglect, gathering information. After living so long, many become like that. That is no good, so me and one other, Dragon King proposed, this.」

Hesty said as if recalling.

「Is that so? Then will you be going Hesty?」

「n? I won't, be? Right now I am, not considered a Dragon King, technically. I lost to you, and so you are considered, the King of that Valley...」

「Eh? Really?」

That's right, Anne said something similar, so it was like that?

「Huh? You didn't, know? You can freely, use the dragons, there you know?」

「Well, even if you tell me that.....」

I couldn't think of something I'd need to use them for.

.....I honestly didn't really need this authority.

Though my motto is to accept what I'm given.

If they cause problems then I'll give orders. But I wonder what other usage they have...

「.....help moving around?」

「Well, you could, have them do that but....most people will be very surprised, to see such a huge number of dragons. I did it once, and see what happened.」

Hesty said while scratching her cheek abashedly.

Hmm I see.

「For now, you don't need to do anything I think.」

「I see. Then I just make use of them when necessary?」

「I think that would, be fine.」

Then as we were chatting,

「Master, Hesty-chan~ lunch is ready~」

I heard Sakura call out.

It seems it was time to eat. As I thought that I heard Hesty's stomach growl.

「Maybe, I'm, hungry?」

「Don't sound so doubtful. You walked back and forth from the town so of course you're hungry.」

I had been making golems since the morning so I was hungry as well.

The rocky mountains were hosting an amazing council but...

「Well, let's relax and eat.」

「n, take our time.」

And so we relaxed, ate, and drank tea.

Chapter 130: Gathering Place Of Powerful Magic

After we finished eating lunch and arranging the trees in my garden...a boar came attacking from the forest.

It was business as usual as the golems drove it away without panic or fanfare....

.....I wonder what I should do now...

Maybe I should enter the onsen since I haven't been in it in a while, I thought when...

「As I thought this is where Daichi is!」

and Karen dashed over from the forest.

She dashed over with excitement in her eyes.

「Karen huh? I haven't seen you since the festival.」

「Yes, it's been a while.」

But, as we were talking another boar came charging towards Karen.

However, she held out her hand and stopped its charge.

「——mm, are these Fafnir being kept by you?」

「No, they're wild boars. They often come trying to invade.」

「Is that so?Daichi...would you mind if I look into your eyes a bit?」

「Huh?」

I said as she met my gaze and the atmosphere around us started shaking. Furthermore,

「——!？」

The boars' eyes filled with fear and they ran for their lives.

I wonder why? Maybe it was due to the Dragon King's pressure I thought when,

「Fu, fufufufufu.....」

Karen hugged herself as she started shivering.



「J-just with this casual greeting, gaze, and magical surge..... just from that you can make high level monsters run for their lives. Ahh you're really amazing Daichi.....!」

She said as she looked at me passionately.

I feel like she's saying some things that I don't get.....

「Ummm, I guess I should thank you for driving them away?」

「Ahh, no, it was mostly Daichi's magic pressure that caused them to run. All I did was clash our magic power together to get the pump primed...please don't mind it.」

Karen said as she suppressed her excitement and put on a calm face.

However, there was still a little something I didn't get.

「What do you mean by clashing magic power?」

「Eh.....? Well, didn't you realize that I put some magic power into my gaze and you reflected it?」

「No, I didn't realize. I thought we were just looking into each other's eyes normally.」

「I see... I see...so that was a reflexive reaction....fufu, really, you are more than I imagined...」

Karen's mouth began to curve disturbing her prim look.

She seemed happy.

Well anyways, the boars were driven away so let's get back to what we were talking about.

.....after the incident with Anne and the talk we had, I predicted that she'd be coming along eventually.

I'll just ask.

「Why have you come here?」

「Well, I came here coincidentally...I have business in the Dragon Valley near here...」

「As I thought, the Dragon King Council is the cause.....」

Since I was between the valley and the town, it wasn't unusual to see a little traffic....

...but today I've had a lot of personal guests, I thought and looked at Karen.

「By the way, sorry to interrupt but this is Daichi's principal residence am I correct?」

Karen said, eyes sparkling.

「Well, yeah.」

It was the truth so I nodded as her eyes began to sparkle even brighter.

「For there to be such a magic spot....to see it like this....it's so moving! I'd taken a map and left town for the forest, when I felt an incredibly huge magic power, I had thought that maybe....but I never dreamed that it'd be like this!」

Karen said as she looked around restlessly.

「This is beyond anything I'd expected. This land's magic, your home's power, and Daichi's power all combine together to produce something incredible. I've never seen anything like this.....if there wasn't the council, then I would've liked to stay here and talk.....」

She said and finally looked back at me.

She had been so excited this entire time, but now she had put on a calm and collected face.

「Eh, ehem...Daichi...after the council is over, could I come back to talk again? I haven't truly thanked you yet so I would like to pay another visit...」

Her entire speech pattern had changed to being very calm and smooth. Honestly when she was in this mode she was easier to talk to, I thought and answered.

After all, Anne would be coming back anyways so I didn't really mind...

「If you come back too late, I'll be asleep OK?」

「Ah, that's fine. The council should finish up quickly.」

The council should be something fairly important so I wonder if it's OK for her to be so flippant about it.

Well, it's their business not mine...so I don't have any right to comment.

「I got it. Then come say hi before I go to sleep.」

「OK! Thank you very much!then I'll go finish the meeting at top speed!」

Karen said and ran off towards the valley.

.....seems like I'll be getting more visits before the day is done.

Moreover, it seems that the council will be very lively.

I thought as I headed towards my onsen.

I'd been sweating while doing my gardening, so a bath should feel great.

Chapter 130.5: —Side Dianeia— Dragon King Threat And Growth

Dianeia was working inside her office which gradually became more hectic as time passed. Inside the office was the Knight Captain and several knights with nervous and tense faces.

In front of them Dianeia inspected several pieces of paper on her desk and spoke up.

「Well then...Karen said the Dragon Kings are heading to the forest and valley for a gathering and you came here....but is there anything else to report in the town?」

「N-no there is nothing in particular. Everything is as usual.」

A young knight reported seeming nervous and confused.

....indeed, the gathering of Dragon Kings was a scary matter.

It's not as if she didn't understand how they felt.

Dianeia had heard about this council from Karen and Anne including some internal details....but still it was nerve-wracking.

But there was no need to show that.

She was nervous, but could still take action without fear.

「Have we been connected to the Wolf People's information network by the technique?」

「Yes! We've connected properly, if there is anything abnormal in the Dragon Valley it will immediately be reported here.」

The number of Wolf People engaged in the information trade had increased as of late.

It was helpful as they were more knowledgeable about the forest than the knights or even the adventurers.

「Alright then, have the Knight Order be on standby. If there is any abnormal monster activity in the plains or around town, immediately take care of it.」

「Ha!」

With this the Knight Order shouldn't have any issue moving.

But if that were to happen.....

then...

「Knight Captain, please send out a mobilization order for the

adventurers as well.」

「Roger. I will also contact the Shining Head gentlemen as well.」

For now we've secured the personnel.

All that was left was to cope with each problem as it arose, Dianeia thought as she examined her papers.

As the young knight carried out his orders, he looked back at Dianeia every now and then with a bit of envy.

「Wow.....the princess is so calm.....」

「It's such a situation.....but she ain't half-a**ed.....」

Dianeia also heard the whispers but didn't feel ill at ease.

.....after all if she hadn't met with Daichi-dono she wouldn't have been able to act like this.

Before that, she would've been in a great rush as well.

Thinking about the panic she had expressed back then, she felt that she had grown if just by a bit.

So she thought that just this much composure was to be expected

as she continued to deal with the knights.

「Ok then, are there any other important matters?」

「All that's left is.....that's right. Maybe because of the Dragon King gathering...but monsters have been flying out of the forest onto the plain all beat up. There has been no damage to the town, but it is an abnormal situation.」

Receiving that report, Dianeia looked at the Knight Captain and they nodded at each other.

「Ahh.....you don't need to worry about that.」

「Is that alright?」

「Yeah. This phenomenon has nothing to do with the current situation.」

In the first place it wasn't an issue that needed to be worried about really.

「Ha, Understood!」

The Knight said and stepped back.

After that it seemed there was nothing left to report.

「Alright then, we must be cautious about the Dragon King situation. We must do the very best we can.」

「Ha!」

And so the knights left the office.

「It'd be nice if nothing happened....but it's best to be prepared.」

Dianeia murmured and left to continue her preparations.

Chapter 131: Dragon Intentions And The Forest And Valley Tea Meeting

Inside the Dragon Valley was a single cabin.

Inside it Anne, Ramiyuros, and Karen were sitting together.

Since the morning they had gathered and spoke about the movements in towns, countries, and different types of information.

「How should I say this, I'm glad that this number has come together but.....without the direction of Aneue-sama I'm a bit troubled.」

Anne said while scratching at her cheek and looking around.

If it was like usual, Hesty would have taken the lead in presenting her information...but this time she wasn't here. Because of that, the conversation didn't really get going.

「Ahaha, the management was always done by Hesty. For the years we've been holding this, that hasn't changed~」

「Eh, is that so?」

「That's right~. That hasn't changed for over 100 years.」

Ramiyuros laughed carefreely while Karen agreed.

「That's right. The thing that we need to be most cautious of and the thing we need to pay the most attention to.....happens to be the thing that Hesty knows best.」

「I see.....」

Anne thought proudly, as expected of Aneue-sama she knows so much.

Then she followed their example and got the conversation going.

「Right now....the thing we should be most cautious of is the existence of Daichi-sama I suppose.」

「Ahh, yep, that's right~. That won't change will it~」

「Ehh, I completely agree. No matter how much you think it won't be a loss.....!」

Karen said seeming excited.

Anne could understand as she was drawn to the strong and very “sports-minded” but...

「By the way, Karen-anesama hasn't challenged Daichi have you?」

「Eeh, well yeah. With that much power it's less a challenge and more a request....furthermore it's me making the request. Yes, I will patiently continue.」

「I understand that feeling Karen-anesama.....!」

Anne said grasping her hands in strong agreement.

To get closer to Aneue-sama she had approached time after time making Anne nostalgic for the past.

「Haa....I feel like that's a bit of a strange thing to feel comradery about but make sure you don't cause Daichi-san trouble ok~. Though I have as well...」

「I understand Ramiyuros-sama.....but you can act so carefreely in front of Daichi-sama I can't believe it.」

Daichi's magic power was vast. Hesty may have been used to it and didn't pay it any mind, but since she had just met him her body still shook from the shock it gives.

It felt good, but Anne only felt the desire to feel it at certain intervals, she couldn't be so easygoing about it.

「By that measure, Ramiyuros-sama is amazing I think, but how

are you able to be like that?」

「n~, that's obvious~. I owe Daichi-san my life first off and secondly I'm not his match. It wouldn't help even if I was cautious. He'd probably beat me in five minutes at most after all.」

So that's how I'm able to be so carefree, Ramiyuros laughed.

Anne thought that this way of thinking really demonstrated the attitude of one of the longest-living Dragon Kings.

.....I'm still not experienced enough I need to learn more, she thought. I can't be satisfied just by meeting Daichi-sama and Aneue-sama.....!

After looking at the other two Dragon Kings, Anne motivated herself anew and remembered one other thing she wanted to speak about.

「That's right I remembered something related to Daichi-sama....you know that his power is saturating the land around the forest and town right? It appears that because of this, small magic stones are appearing near the town.」

「Ohh is that so? If that is the case then a quasi-dungeon may appear.....that should be a good place for Princess Athena to train.」

Karen said while nodding slightly.

「Y-you're very passionate about training aren't you Karen-anesama?」

「Of course. I promised to raise her into a proper warrior. I'm grateful that Daichi has allowed us to take a step in the right direction.」

For Anne, the land filled with magic was helpful for her item and tool creation. However,

「This may be related or there may be other circumstances...but the dragons in the forest are exhibiting abnormal behavior.」

「Ahh, that's right when I was coming here I saw some dragons that had lost their rationality~. They did give off a strange feeling~」

Ramiyuros also felt this was an issue apparently.

「.....should we inform Daichi of this?」

「Tell Daichi-san? N~ hmm. It might be a good idea so he doesn't get roused by this.」

「That's right. Well then, let us go to Daichi-sama and Aneue-sama.」

And so the Dragon Kings began to move.

Before the sun set, the Dragon Kings arrived at my home.

「I said you could come back.....but that was fast.」

「Ahaha...s-sorry. To come with so many of us.」

A rivulet of sweat dripped down Anne's cheek as she bowed apologetically. Behind her were...

「I'm glad we came before you went to sleep Daichi! There's lots I want to talk about.」

「Daichi-san~. It's been a while~. Lemme get in the onsen again~~」

Two people...one filled with spirit and one filled with lethargy.

They were really a varied group of personalities...

「Well, whatever. There were some apples left...maybe I should dry them and steam them....should I make some tea?」

「Ye~s」

「I'm really sorry Daichi-sama. Thank you for your hospitality....」

「I'll gratefully accept!」

And so we began to talk while drinking tea.

Chapter 132: dragon king party

As we ate snacks and drank the tea Sakura brought, I listened to what the Dragon Kings had to say.

「Huh, so a dungeon is getting created again?」

「More accurately it is a situation on the verge of another dungeon where only magic stones aggregate.」

Anne said with a warm and fluffy look on her face as she hugged Hesty.



「……………」

Hesty looked at me with eyes that seemed to have abandoned all hope, but as soon as Anne arrived she had caught Hesty and

hugged her.

I'd help her once we finished talking.

「Would there be a Dungeon Master?」

That was what I was most concerned about.

It wasn't a big threat, but his appearance would signal the ruining of my garden by large numbers of monsters, so I'd prefer if he didn't appear.

The one who responded was Hesty who was being crushed into Anne's chest.

「Normally, it shouldn't exist, yet. A Dungeon Master, needs many years of magic power, and magic stones, before running wild.」

「Fumu fumu, so it needs time to grow. Well it's a good thing it hasn't appeared.」

I said, but Hesty shook her head.

But she hit Anne's chest while doing so.

「Ahn...how pushy.....!」

「.....」

A vein in Hesty's head became visible.

It seems she was quite irritated.

「That's, just what usually, happens. You are an, exception, so there is a possibility that, a small one was created. A strange magic, power has been felt, as well.」

「I don't really want to be treated like an abnormality...but you're saying there's a possibility.」

It'd be troublesome if my home was damaged.

In that case there's only one solution.

「Then I should go into the basement and crush the problem before it flourishes.」

「You mean preventative measures in the dungeon?」

「Yeah, but it's already pretty late and I need to make preparations.....I'll go down tomorrow.」

I wanted to finish up my new golem prep so I would go tomorrow

morning.

「I see.....then I'll, help too.」

Hesty said as she shook off Anne and walked to me.

「Oh, thank you.」

「Don't worry about it, I want the Dungeon Master's Magic, stone too.」

Hesty said and nodded. This Dragon King is reliable I thought when...

「Ah, can you take me too?」

「Me too me too——. I wanna see the basement~」

「If possible me too! I want to stay near Daichi if I can!」

The Dragon Kings raised their hands one after another. Somehow the participants increased quickly.

It's suddenly become quite a large group.

.....well the more the merrier, it'd make it easier on me.

「So all of us are going this time huh?」

I said and Sakura gave a small laugh.

「Fufu, then I'll need to make a large lunchbox.」

「Yeah, sorry Sakura. I've given you some more work.」

「No no, I enjoy this type of thing so don't worry. I'll make something with all my skill. —also I will of course be going along on this basement picnic.」

Sakura said as she hugged my arm.

「Yeah, thanks Sakura.」

And so our plans for tomorrow were set, and we split up.

Tomorrow we would take our lunch down below and explore the dungeon before coming back.

Chapter 132.5: —Side Prussia— Princess And Adventurers Exploration Party

Early morning. Dianeia made her way to the outskirts of town.

In front of her was a large bulge in the earth with a large hole...it was a newly formed cave.

「So this is where the monsters are appearing?」

Yesterday she had sent a scout squad which confirmed that monsters were appearing from this hole.

Dianeia had determined that the inside of this cave was transforming into a dungeon and decided to go there at the earliest she could.

.....she had to crush the Dungeon Master quickly.

Furthermore, she wasn't the only one here...

「Hyahha~ Princess. Good workin' with you today」

The adventure group 'Shining Head' was here as well.

「Ahh, I'm grateful that you accepted the request. I'll be counting on you as well.」

Dianeia said in gratitude and extended her hand for a handshake. The Shining Head leader, Ash, took her hand.

「Hyahha~ The request for today is: guarding you, defeating monsters, and exploring this cave. This is it yeah?」

「Yes, no doubt about it. I can protect myself so you don't have to worry too much.」

「Hyahha~ That's right. Princess is strong so you might not need the protection.....but if you find yourself in need we're gonna do it~ Right guys!?!」

「Yeah!」

The men's voices echoed.

Dianeia watched them feeling they were reliable.

「But anyways, you guys are fired up...」

「Hyahha~ of course. Dungeon exploration is our primary job. We'd definitely get fired up.」

These men were originally from the Fort City which had a dungeon very near to it. So it would make sense that they would feel like dungeons are their home ground.

「So...we're prepared, but how about you Princess?」

「I'm all ready.」

「No...I meant that one...over there, how about you?」

Ash looked a little further behind Dianeia.

There you could see Athena in adventurer's garb.

「Athena.....you plan on following?」

It might've been inevitable with the ability to emergency teleport and with the shining head group who was so competent at dungeon exploration.

The monsters coming from the dungeon were quite strong.

Having Athena in the group might be a bit dangerous but...

「I'm sorry. I couldn't just wait around. I want to become stronger! I want to learn by watching Onee-sama's fights!」

Athena desperately appealed.

Dianeia could understand her feelings.

It wasn't too long ago that she felt desperate to increase her strength.

Her feelings hadn't changed till now.

「But it's dangerous?」

「Un, that's why I'll teleport away if it gets dangerous, so it should be fine right?」

Athena had learned how to teleport herself.

She wasn't foolish so as to ignore danger to herself, so she should teleport if there was trouble.

Dianeia thought as she stared at Athena.

「If it gets dangerous teleport immediately. That is the minimum I will require if you are to follow. Can you keep this promise?」

「Yes Onee-sama! I can!」

「It'd be good if you do!」

Athena nodded energetically.

This should be alright for now.

「.....this is how it is Shining Head. Sorry but can we bring one more.」

She requested Ash.

Ash nodded slightly.

「I don't mind highness. We'll get even more fired up with this.— isn't that right guys!?!」

He turned and cried out.

They immediately replied.

「Yeah!」

「Show me you can protect one or two women!」

「If we can't do that then we can't even get close to the Big Boss!」

Their voices became more passionate and they seemed more reliable.

「and so that's how it is...just go ahead highness without any worries.」

「.....thank you. I'm grateful for your understanding.」

Dianeia kept this gratitude in her heart to be repaid later as she turned forward.

「——well then let's go in the dungeon guys! The goal is to defeat the Dungeon Master!」

「Yeah!」



And so they set off into the dark hole.

Chapter 133: Advancing Quickly, Defeating Steadily

Just before noon. After I finished eating my breakfast leisurely, Anne and the other Dragon Kings gathered at my home.

「Ok then, since everyone is here let's get going. Sakura I'll count on you to synch with me.」

「Ok, understood Master.」

And so I opened a hole in the garden to send us downwards but...

「Wow, amazing, this is amazing Daichi-san. This dugeon is so nice!」

「This is the first time I've seen a dungeon that uses magic stones in place of lights.....that and that...those are all magic stones.....?」

It looks like my basement is popular with the Dragon Kings.

Karen seemed especially happy, her face was red and she was breathing heavily.

「Fu fufuufufu, I'm getting hit by some amazing magic power. If you let your guard down you might get crushed. Furthermore Daichi is behind me with even greater magic pressure....this is the height of excitement.....! Oh my nose started bleeding...」

「I don't mind you getting excited but don't collapse.」

「No I'm alright....this much blood is nothing, it'd be a waste for me to collapse after coming to this super powerful dungeon so I definitely won't!」

She said while emphasizing with her fists...she seemed energetic so I suppose I didn't need to worry.

「Ok then. Sakura, Hesty? Do you sense the Dungeon Master?」

「Umm, there is no reaction within my area of control. What about you Hesty-chan?」

「Me too. However, I can feel a pulse in a certain direction so I feel it might be being born over there.」

Hesty said as she pointed towards the town.

「Ok then, let's get walking and if we hit a wall we'll open up a hole in it. —Golem—.」

I created two golems from an apple.

Then I equipped them with magic stone pestles excavated from the dungeon.

「I will guide, us.」

「Me too!」

Hesty said as Anne hugged her...then the golems took the lead as we continued forward.

We'd been walking for a while and were now under the boundary of the magic forest.

The dungeon was larger than we thought and had many diverging paths, but with Hesty's guidance we didn't lose our way.

I had created a wood armor for myself which only exposed my face so I wasn't tired from the journey. It was an extremely easy method of travel.

「.....but still Hesty is amazing. You can sense a pulse like this from so far away.」

「n, Dungeon Masters take in a lot of magic power, so the magic movements are a characteristic. Once they finish taking in power, they create a ton of subordinates.....and your chest is getting in the way of my speaking...! Get away!」

Hesty said escaping from Anne.

She must have hated having her heavy chest rest on her head all this time.

「Aaahn Aneue-sama....! Just a bit more!」

「No, more. I let you do so, yesterday, so that's enough for today.」

「uuuu.....meanie.....」

Anne gave up dejectedly and began to walk next to Hesty.

She's an obedient child isn't she, I thought as I looked at Anne when Karen walked closer to me and pulled at my sleeve.

「What?」

「D-Daichi. I'd like to do that kind of stuff with you too...can I?」

「I'm glad you asked beforehand...but no.」

「Whaaaa.....?」

I'm glad she's just as obedient.

If we entangled ourselves like that I'm not sure what would happen....

「Ah, there.」

Hesty pointed forward.

In front of us was a 1 meter tall small Dungeon Master.

There seems to be some holes bored in the wall....was it digging its way towards the town?

Well it doesn't really matter at this point.

「gi.....!？」

The Dungeon Master looked at us and seemed to decide we were enemies and readied itself.

Flames gathered in its hands...at that moment

「Golem do it.」

The Golem ran forward swung its fist and smashed the Dungeon Master.

All that was left was a black magic stone.

「Daichi-sama's golems a-are a-as powerful as always...in fact the power went up. Though it was small, you still got it in one hit.」

「Well, it was small after all.」

It was less than half the size of the other one so it ended easily.

「Anyways, is that it?」

I asked Hesty and she shook her head.

「Judging by the reactions there are more small, ones, scattered around.」

「Ugh really? What a pain.」

It's going to be troublesome going around and finding them all.

Even under normal circumstances there were many different branching paths.

It'd be really hard to find wherever they were accurately.

「n~, but if we're this close, it's fine. Right Anne, Karen, Ramiyuros?」

Hesty looked over at the other Dragon Kings.

Then the three of them nodded as they smiled wryly.

「Well we can sense them too now that we're this close.」

「That's right. Daichi-san can divide up some of the labor.」

「Indeed, with this magic power it's like an arrow pointing them out. You can find them easily.」

From what they're saying each of them has the sensing ability to move separately.

These Dragon Kings are pretty amazing.

「How reliable.」

「No, well...we have to do, this much at least. We can't, leave everything to you...we need to try hard too.」

Hesty said as she gripped her two hands.

「Un, thank you. Then let's split up and head out.」

「Ok~」

And so we continued on our dungeon exploration.

Chapter 133.5: —Side Dianeia— Certainly Stronger

Dianeia and her group were in the cave.

The cave had a tall ceiling lit by magic stones.

Using that light alone they could see the monsters coming to attack them.

They defeated the monsters one after another.

「We meet them once every 5 minutes...this is quite exhausting.」

She said while wiping sweat from her forehead, Ash crushed a slime while agreeing.

「Hyahha~ a newly created dungeon is something like this, it can't be helped. In a more dangerous place you'd have to fight continuously over several hours.」

「I wouldn't like that. I'd prefer they come at me all at once so I can take care of them simultaneously....oops Fire Lance!」

A goblin interrupted their talk and Dianeia attacked it from a distance.

「Hyahha~ as I thought, Princess's firepower is amazing.」

「Well, this level of monster can be easily defeated.」

If it was possible to destroy them in one shot it would save time.

「So it makes repeated battles tough...」

「That's right.....well since I'm not too used to dungeon exploration I may be wasting power....」

Compared to the shining heads, her consumption was quite severe.

「Hyahha~ Well dungeons wear on people's bodies and minds. The only ones who can take it easy down here are large monsters and spirits/apparitions.」

「I see. There's no such thing as a dungeon that's nice to people.」

The feeling from the light and slight magic power coming from the magic stones in the walls was likely enough to drive people mad.

「It's great that you guys are knowledgeable about dungeons.」

「Hyahha~ well this is our line of work. If we lose from this much

then its all over. So then —You guys! We'll be moving forward!」

「That's right we'll beat all da' monsters in front of us!」

The shining heads responded cheerfully as we proceeded.

Dianeia felt relieved that she had invited them when...

「Uoooooooo! Temporary stop——!」

They suddenly stopped running.

In front of them was a giant shadow.

That shadow was something Dianeia remembered well..

「....a Dungeon Master huh?」

「GUOOOO.....!」

It was the appearance of an enemy that had beaten her not very long ago.

It wasn't as large as the other one, but it had already began to create servant demons.

It had already created a squad of ten.

「Darn....! Protect the Princesses!」

「Ou!」

The shining heads looked serious as they surrounded Dianeia and Athena.

They prepared their defenses.

They were quite dependable she thought.

「Sorry but let me head forward a bit.」

「Hyahha Princess!?!」

Dianeia stepped out in front of them.

「O-onee-sama....wh-what are you!?!」

She could hear Athena's worried voice from behind her...

「You said you wanted to see me fight, right Athena?」

Dianeia brandished her wand and laughed.

Once this was a figure that struck fear into her heart, a Dungeon Master. But now she didn't feel any such fear.

.....maybe she had become strong enough to be a bit helpful to Daichi-dono.

She smiled wryly.

「I lost to this once, but let me show proof of my growth...!」

She gathered vast fire energy into her wand.

The warping and twisting power formed itself into a red hot lance.

.....she was different from last time.

She had strengthened herself trying to catch up to him.

She couldn't show the same shameful appearance to the one she admired. So...

「Prominence Duo Charge!」

Dianeia waved her wand and the fire lance flew forward.

The giant blue and orange flame lance flew in a straight line...

「Guo.....!？」

It enveloped the servant demons and Dungeon Master.

The Dungeon Master's endurance was terrifying and it endured the flame lance for several seconds but...

「.....！」

after ten seconds it crumbled to the ground.

Without being able to move a single step, it had been burnt to ashes.

Chapter 134: Way To Close A Dungeon

Dianeia's firepower burned the Dungeon Master to nothing.

All that was left was a black magic stone rolling around on the floor.

When Dianeia saw it...she finally understood the reality of what she'd done.

「It was impossible for me before....but I defeated it.」

Her goal was Daichi who was far ahead of her in strength, so despite her efforts to become stronger she hadn't known if she had improved or not.

She clenched her fist at the realization that she had grown when...

「A-amazing, amazing Onee-sama!」

「Hyahha~! That firepower ain't nothin' to sneeze at highness!」

Athena and the shining heads cheered and clapped from behind her.

「Haha, thank you everyone.....but there's still work left to be done, so let's continue without letting our guards down.」

「Ou!」

They were all feeling elated with the defeat of the Dungeon Master, but Dianeia focused herself and moved forward when...

——boom——

A sound came from the wall in front of them.

「Eh?」

The sturdy wall interlaced with magic stones suddenly broke. Then a large black shadow appeared.

「Guuooooooooooooo!!」

It was an even larger Dungeon Master. The one before was a medium...but this was a large.

There was a clear difference.

「.....prepare for combat!」

Dianeia yelled as she instantly took her stance.

The shining heads entered their defensive positions.

「Hyahha~ no matter what type of monster it is....it seems to come every five minutes in this dungeon!」

「Leader, I'll prepare for retreat just in case!」

「Hyahha~ I'll leave it to you. Highness you think you can fire another one of those magics?」

Ash asked Dianeia and she nodded.

「Prominence Dual Charge」 could be fired three times with ease....but...

「Ahh, but.....one shot doesn't look like it'll do it.」

The previous dungeon master had held on for several seconds.

With an even larger one with more servant demons the effect would be worse.

Honestly, she was feeling some fear.

「But it's not an enemy that can't be beaten.....!」

「Onee-sama!?!」

Athena was looking at her. Safety was first, but even so that didn't mean she could show a pathetic fight.

.....she had to guarantee them their escape.

If she mustered her full strength she should be able to fight on even grounds with it.

She steeled herself.

「Shining Heads...if things go bad, retreat immediately. I will teleport away as well.」

「Hyahha~ Roger」

「Do you remember our promise Athena?」

「Y-yes! If it gets dangerous teleport away! I remember!」

Our retreat is secure, then there's no need to wait.

「Ok then.....let's go!」

Dianeia said as she strengthened her resolve and stepped forward when.....

—-Boom!—-

The wall behind the Dungeon Master exploded.

A frightful sound echoed through the caves and a huge hole opened.

The shock sent a gust of wind throughout the cave and sent up a cloud of dust.

.....at this time another appeared!?

Dianeia thought and looked at the hole.

The thing that came out was....

「A fist....?」

A giant fist made of wood.

「Oooooo....!？」

It grabbed the Dungeon Master's neck.

Then it seemed to wrap around it's neck like a collar holding it there.

「——-!」

It continued to grow until it wrapped around the entire body of the Dungeon Master. No matter how it struggled it couldn't get free.

「Hya Hyahha~ Wh-what is it.....」

「I-I don't know...」

They looked at the Dungeon Master dumbfounded when...

「Nice, the fifth one」

They heard a voice from inside the cloud of dust.

They new they'd heard that voice before...

「I thought I heard something, but they were really here. For them to gather here is——Dianeia? Shining Heads too? You guys are all here?」

「D-Daichi-dono!?!」

Daichi appeared inside his wood armor with three other captured Dungeon Masters in tow.

When I met with Dianeia having captured the Dungeon Masters, Sakura spoke up from within my armor.

「Ah, it seems the other Dragon Kings are mostly finished Master. The magic activity is decreasing.」

「Oh is that so? Let's finish this up while we wait for them.」

We hadn't been scattered all that far so they should be back soon I thought when...

「Guoo.....!」

A Dungeon Master began creating flames.

「Oops, no no no.」

It seems the restraints weren't enough for this one.

It attacked while going wild.

「Hmm Hesty gave me the best method to take care of them...so I should give it a shot.」

I once again bound up the Dungeon Master and...

「——Upsy daisy!」

Lightly lifted it, then slammed it into the ground. With that...

「.....!?!」

The Dungeon Master's body collapsed leaving behind a magic stone. This was the way to defeat them effortlessly.

It felt like what you do with fish....but it's good I was able to do it properly.

「Ohh, Hesty-chan said it like it might be difficult but you were able to do it splendidly Master!」

「Let's not forget this feeling and move on to the next!」

And so we defeated the remaining Dungeon Masters one after another as we waited.

Chapter 135: Lunchbox In The Usual Place

「I see.....so Daichi-dono came from your basement all the way here...」

「Yeah, I thought to take care of the Dungeon Masters before they set my house on fire.」

We encountered Dianeia and the others and spoke about what brought us all here...

「How should I say it....Daichi-dono thank you for saving us and... sorry.」

Dianeia said while bowing. But,

「No, you don't have to bow. I don't remember doing any saving.」

It wasn't like we were having a contest with them, in fact it felt like we had stolen their prey. It wasn't something we should be thanked for.

「I-is that so.....? But it is true that you helped us so I feel like I should thank you nonetheless.」

「You don't have to worry about it though.....」

I murmured while looking at the Dungeon Master stones we'd

gotten. We waited for the Dragon Kings to arrive.

The first to arrive was Karen.

「I've just now returned.....oh it's Princess Athena and Dianeia? Your work is appreciated.」

Karen said as she sat down next to me.

「U-un. I wondered why you left so early in the morning, but you went to Daichi-oniisan's place Karen.」

「Yes and we have been clearing up the Dungeon Masters.」

Karen said tossing a large black magic stone in the air.

「For Athena to be here.....you must be studying fighting methods?」

「Un. That's right. I followed Onee-sama.」

「I see, it's useful to observe those who grew up around a dungeon.」

Karen nodded and then looked at me.

「And so we come to.....Daichi. I was wondering for a while...but

what is the meaning of this?」

「Hm? What do you mean?」

「I mean the 5 Dungeon Master cores rolling around here.....」

Ahh, it sounded like she was talking about dried persimmons with how she's referring to them (little odd here, it just means that she casually brought it up so it seemed unimportant.)

So she couldn't understand just by looking.

「I defeated them a moment ago and they became magic stones.」

「Is that so?I was wondering what happened when I felt those reactions disappear a little while ago, so it was Daichi after all.....I only got this one, it's a bit of a pitiful result.」

Karen said with her head hung in shame, when Anne and Ramiyuros appeared.

「I only got one too, so it's not pitiful Karen~」

「That's right, I myself haven't found a single one Karen-anesama.」

Then Hesty appeared behind them looking strangely exhausted

as she walked unsteadily.

「I got, two, of them. But, Anne has been, stuck to me, this entire time, so I'm tired in, a different sense.....!」

She said and brought the two black magic stones over to me and sat down.

「Good work leading them around. Go ahead and get a good rest.」

I gave her a canteen of water which she began drinking from.

「n, thank you. But, don't worry. This is my role.....also, the reactions have all, disappeared so it's all, ok.」

「I see. It's good that it was finished quickly and thoroughly.」

I thought about how it had finished before we even ate lunch.

「.....well, if you didn't get five, of them I think it'd take, more time , you know?」

「That's right. I didn't think that Daichi-sama's speed would be that fast. I never thought we'd finish this fast.」

Hesty and the others said as they looked at the black magic stones lying around.

There was something else I was thinking though.

「Though it may be out of your expectations it is a good thing. — now we can find a nice place outside to eat our lunch.」

Though the light from the magic stones may be pretty, eating in a cave was not especially nice. Let's do that.

「What are you going to do Dianeia?」

「Ah Uhh...we still have more exploration to do, so I think we'll continue.....for that I would like if you Dragon Kings could give us any information you have, could I invite you to the castle tonight?」

「So she says, what would you like to do?」

I asked Hesty and the others and they exchanged glances before nodding.

「n? Our information? That's ok.」

「That's great! Then I'll meet you tonight.」

「Ok.」

It seems things have been settled.

It's about time to go.

「Ok then, I'll see you.」

「Yeah, see you later. I'll visit another time Daichi-dono.」

And so we parted with Dianeia and headed back to my home's garden.

「Hya, Hyahha~.....a-as I thought Boss's scale is completely different. That's why we admire him.」

「Yeah.....」

As they watched Daichi walk away the shining heads spoke up in admiration.

Hearing that Dianeia muttered to herself...

「Haha, as I thought, my power still isn't enough.」

Dianeia looked at her hands that had been shaking not too long ago.

「Onnee-sama?」

「Ahtnea. I think you can understand from the incident today, a strong enemy can appear at any time, it's a frightening thing. So there is a need to become strong.」

「Y-yeah.」

She wanted to say that she was strong, but there was still a realm beyond.

A realm far beyond that she hasn't caught a glimpse of.

.....A place where her admired person is....a far away place.

For that reason she had to try harder, Dianeia thought.

Chapter 136: Trophy Distribution And Outdoors

When we returned to the garden I spread out a sheet and placed the lunchbox on it.

It was ready to be eaten anytime but we were waiting for Sakura to heat up some tea and we took out the things we'd gotten from the dungeon exploration.

「Umm, these are the one's Hesty and I got, and this is the one Karen got...」

The magic stone of the prey that we had stolen from Dianeia was given to her, but everything else was brought here.

So in the end we had eight black magic stones.

「Quite a good harvest. With this many we can make, lots of things.」

「That's right. Magic items, weapons, armor...if we process them correctly we can make many good things!」

The craftsmen Hesty and Anne were looking at them excitedly.

I guess these large magic stones were just that attractive to them.

「Well then I guess you can take a few.」

I said and Anne looked at me, eyes huge.

「.....Eh? U-ummm Daichi-sama? Take...f-for free?」

「Eh? Is that no good?」

I didn't really know exactly what I could use these for.

At best I would use them for golems or bury them in the ground to enrich the magic in the area...I was just thinking that it'd be good to give them to the people who could use them best.

「N-no, for such wonderful magic stones....taking them for free would be inexcusable! I-I'll properly pay for them!」

「Hm? This time you were part of the effort to obtain these so there's no need to pay for them, just take your share.」

「U,uuu.....th-then I'll do as you ask and take one.....」

Anne timidly accepted a single magic stone.

There was no need for her to be so timid.

It was her own spoils of war.

「What about you guys?」

「I don't think I need any~. I don't have anything I need to make~. I won't need anything other than a good soak in your onsen~」

「Me as well. I don't have anything I need to make. My spoils for today is the time I got to spend with Daichi!」

So Ramiyuros and Karen don't need any.

「Then Hesty——」

「——I'll take the same amount I earned, 2 of them is, enough.」

She said and took two without reaching for the others.

Five of them were left over...so what should I do with them?

「In the end I can't really think of anything except burying them...」

「I think, that would be fine. With the increase in your, dungeon's magic it will, improve the environment.」

「Is that so? Then I guess I'll do that.」

But as I was gathering them up I realized something.

「.....huh? there's a kind of blue one mixed in, what is this?」

「n? where?」

「Here, the one in the middle.」

Among the Dungeon Master cores there was one ultramarine colored one.

Thanks to the dim light in the dungeon it looked black, but out here it became easier to see.

「This is the first one I took out right?」

「Probably. The size and shape, match.」

「Why does it look like this.....?」

I said tilting my head. Hesty did the same and began to mutter.

「n~, probably, it took in a lot of water and water magic, it might be a water type, dungeon master.」

「Huh, so by taking in a lot of such things the magic stone's color can change?」

「n, there are things like that, so I think this is the case. It should be proof that the, surrounding earth has high, water content.」

Is that so?

Well, since this garden has a lot of plants and trees it's good for the ground to be well irrigated...but,

「If I bury this will the magic and water circulate better?」

「That is, probable.」

「I see. Then I'll give this one preferential placement.」

It'd be good if burying this one helped the growth of things in my garden.

I started to go and bury it when...

「Master~ Everyone~. The tea is ready, let's have lunch~」

Sakura called out to us with a pot of tea hung on her arm.

「Ok then, the division of the spoils is over so let's eat.」

「n, let's go.」

And so our adventure time ended and our lunch time started.

Though we hadn't walked too much, it was still proper exercise and we had worked up a bit of a sweat...that made the lunch even more delicious.

It seemed even more delicious than usual.

Eating outdoors is good every now and then.

Chapter 137: Gratitude And Waiting

After eating Anne left to begin processing the magic stones and Karen left to train Athena.

The only ones left were Ramiyuros and Hesty.

Ramiyuros started pulling at her clothes as she walked to the onsen.

「Daichi-san Daichi-san, can I leave my clothes over there~」

「Yeah it's fine.」

「Ok~ Yay~ Bath~~~」

Ramiyuros threw her clothes onto the dressing room wall and hopped into the washing area.

She must've gotten dirty after the exploration, she must be feeling refreshed.

「.....ah I just remembered...Dianeia wanted to talk to the Dragon Kings. What's going on with that? Are you going too Hesty?」

I could understand Karen who had to go with Athena but I was a little interested so I asked Hesty.

Hesty nodded as she sipped her tea.

「Ramiyuros and I, decided to go and talk.」

「Hm? I can understand Hesty going, but why Ramiyuros too?」

「She said that she hadn't made up for the trouble she caused yet. Also, when she can get, fired up, her analysis abilities are, high.」

Despite her usual nonchalant attitude she seemed to be the type to hold to her word.

She also properly washed herself before entering the bath, so she should have some manners as well.

However her behavior after entering the water was sloppy.

「Well, yeah. It'll take a while to, get her motivated, and she's still sloppy about things, but she is one of the longest living, among us. She can do it when she, tries.....though she's sloppy.」

I see. As I'd expect from childhood friends, they know each other well.

「.....oh yeah I don't know if it's ok to ask...but I was wondering which one is older, you or her?」

None of them look like their age, so I couldn't guess. After all, the one who looked youngest, Hesty, was one of the oldest.

I was curious and asked. Hesty didn't seem particularly offended and answered.

「n~, I forgot the number of years. But there are basically 2 divisions. Me, Ramiyuros, and Karen...and one more who is as old, then Anne and two others who are new.」

Hmm I see. New and Old, I'm sure they're two different generations.

「n, Ramiyuros and I are the eldest, and the ones with the most knowledge. If we are together, we can engage in information trade.....if Ramiyuros is alone there's a good chance the conversation won't, continue well.」

「I see....being able to maintain a conversation is important.」

I feel like if it was Ramiyuros and Dianeia one on one the conversation wouldn't continue well.

「Even without that, Anne will be pining after me, and Karen may participate but will be more, focused on Athena's training. Only me and, Ramiyuros will be, competent.」

As expected of Hesty, she has considered what the rest of them would be like.

She spoke so nonchalantly, but she was properly thinking of their circumstances.

.....it kind of makes me want to reward her.

「Aren't you tired?」

「I'm ok because I'm near, you.」

「What does that do?」

Did this have anything to do with being near me?

「There is strong, magic infusing the area around you, and my body has gotten used to it. So, it is practically breathing it in through, my skin, which recovers my stamina...or that's how it feels.」

「Huh, is that so?」

I didn't know that.

「That's why, you're a help to me.....though being around Anne has tired me, out mentally.」

「Oh...I guess that's so.」

In this case she'd need her reward more mentally than she would need physical relaxation.

In that case...

「Ok then, let's go in the onsen to heal our fatigue.」

At this time the cure all would be getting in the onsen.

It can refresh our bodies and minds.

「...n, I can come in, too?」

「Of course.」

I said and Hesty blushed a bit and smiled.

「n, then I'll...go in——thank you.」

And so I decided to enjoy my onsen with the two Dragon Kings.

Chapter 137.5: —Side Hesty, Dianeia, Ramiyuros— Approach And New Information

Dianeia was sitting at the tea table in her office.

「Hesty-dono, Ramiyuros-dono...sorry for calling you so late at night.」

She was sharing the table with two Dragon Kings.

「Don't worry about it, we ourselves said we'd come.」

「That's right~ I wanna pay back the humans for the problems I've caused too~」

They said while relaxing and eating the snacks she had prepared.

「It really helps that you are willing to share information with me.」

From evening till night they had given her information on the dungeon interiors, exploration, and Dungeon Masters' behaviors.

Thanks to that the town's defenses had become firmer.

「Though it may be small scale, the dungeon can, become a hotbed for monster, breeding. I'm glad we're aware, of it before it was a problem.」

Hesty explained her information in easy to understand statements. It made it easier to finish the work that needed doing.

「n, maa, even so there's no need to say it now. The Dungeon Masters have been mostly defeated.」

「Ah-ahaha, it was pretty incredible...Daichi-dono's dungeon master hunting.」

「That was.....yeah, at a level, that I've never seen, before. The magic reaction became so little that, I was surprised.」

Dianeia had had her hands full with her own battles so she had no room to observe, but

.....now that she was here she did.

A desire to see how these Dragon Kings fought them. However, right now she was in the middle of work so she sealed that thought.

「So was there anything else of note?」

「For me, there was nothing. How about, you Ramiyuros? Do you

have something to, talk about? Maybe about the Dragon King Council?」

「Ah, un, there's a bit more to talk about Hesty, Dianeia-san~」

Ramiyuros nodded and said without hesitation.

「I forgot to bring it up during the Council...but the Dragon King of the Lake may be coming here~」

Dianeia doubted her ears.

「——Hmm?」

She wondered what this Dragon King had just said.

「Umm, a new Dragon King is coming? To this town?」

「That's right~ The one that lives in the lake shrine near the Fort City...that girl seems to be coming here.」

She easily affirmed. It seems that this Dragon King's arrival was definite.

Hesty heard that and turned to Ramiyuros with eyes squinted.

「.....why, didn't you say so, earlier?」

「I wanted to say it during Council, but Hesty wasn't there and I couldn't grasp the right timing to say it~ I thought it'd be fine if I brought it up later.」

「....I know that, my administration of the councils, help you to bring up your information, but Anne didn't help out?」

Wishing that she had told her beforehand, Hesty dropped her shoulders despondently.

「Well a bit ago...when I entered the onsen I got a telepathy that reminded me. She said {I can feel people with a lot of magic power gathering over there so I'll be there within a week}」

「I've told you, over and over, that you need to say things, like that faster!」

A vein on Hesty's forehead looked fit to burst as she pinched Ramiyuros' arm in her grasp.

「I'm sorry~! Don't get mad! Don't pinch me Hesty!」

「Ok ok, please calm down you two.」

Dianeia said and Hesty took a deep breath trying to calm herself.

Then she spoke.

「That girl, is coming here huh?」

「That's right she is~」

「With how you're talking, does this Dragon King have special circumstances?」

They don't seem to happy, they weren't saying these things in a very good tone.

「You could, say that. Unlike us, she causes quite, a few troubles. Dianeia-san needs to be careful.」

「Eh?」

「That girl is strange...more accurately her sense of values is different~ Once she got a bit angry and destroyed a town's castle~」

「Ah, that did, happen.」

Hesty nodded in agreement.

That's not just a little trouble.

「But, though she is a bit off, she is upright, in her own way. We will speak to her, so that she doesn't cause trouble.」

「I-is that so? I'd be grateful but...I'd like to hear a bit more about her.」

She didn't know what kind of storm was coming to the town but she wanted to prepare herself.

「n, well, we haven't met for many years, but if you'd like past information, I can provide it.」

「Me too me too. Though I don't have much info~」

「Thank you Hesty-dono, Ramiyuros-dono.」

And so the late night information exchange continued.

Chapter 138: Things Produced From Earth

Daytime.

Sakura, the golems, and I were doing maintenance on the onsen and its surroundings.

Actually I had felt something when I got in the onsen before.

.....the area around and in the onsen was quite easy.

There was a bit I wanted to improve on it.

While I was doing so I wanted to clean it a bit.

However, thanks to the magic power within the onsen having a sterilizing power, the tub itself was quite clean except for a small amount of dirt.

If we clean it all out then it should feel even better.

「Fuu, for now it's something like this.」

「Good work Master. Here, have some tea.」

「Oh, thank you.」

It feels like it's been getting warmer in the forest, it's to the point where you work up a light sweat by doing some exercise.

That made the ice tea even more delicious, I thought as I drank it down.

「.....Hm? Master did you place another pipe in the onsen?」

「Hm? I don't remember doing so...why?」

「Well, it's just that I see some movement in the water by that rock.」

Sakura said while pointing to the rocks closest to the dressing room.

When I made the bath I made sure that the rocks weren't placed dangerously, and I don't remember fiddling with them since.

「OK then, Golem, go pick it up.」

So the golem with a magic stone mallet dug up the rock and the earth there....then...

「Oh?」

From the ground a clear stream of water welled up.

「A spring at this kind of place?」

「So it seems.」

It was water with quite a high level of purity...but why did it appear here?

I understand that there is an underground stream, but it's not like it would randomly tunnel its way straight through solid rock to come out here.

Or so I thought, when Sakura looked at the ground nodding.

「Master, it seems that the magic stone with water magic is generating water beneath the rocks.」

「Oh, the blue thing from before?」

I think I buried about half of that blue magic stone we'd gotten from the Dungeon Master before. So it was doing something with the stones?

「Yes. Furthermore I believe that from that, water is then seeping through.」

「Water from magic stones huh.....can we drink it?」

The strangely produced water was not dirtied by dirt, but instead collected in rocks through which it channeled.

I didn't really understand this phenomenon, but since the water was clear I felt like I could drink it.

「Let me investigate a bit. Umm.....composition-wise it appears to be normal water. The magic within it seems to have maintained its purity and cleanliness.....it appears close to this house's (my) water supply from the dragon vein's underground stream.」

「Oh, so that's where our house's water service came from.」

I had used it without much thought since it had worked normally.

「Be that as it may, since it is left from magic stones the magic concentration is a bit thin, however it does not have fungus and is drinkable.」

「I see...we can drink it.」

After Sakura finished her inspection, I lightly put my hand to the water and...

「Oh, it's cold~」

It was unexpectedly chilly to the touch.

Maybe it's because it came from underground, but it was quite cold.

I scooped a bit up with my hand and drank...

「.....mm, this is quite good in and of itself.」

It felt easier to drink than tap water...like bottled water.

I didn't really have a huge frame of reference, but at the very least it wasn't bad.

.....in the end, since I had this source of water coming out I wanted to use it for something.

With these thoughts in mind I looked towards the nearby onsen.

「With this location.....if I just do a bit of work I can give the onsen a water fountain. I could also utilize it to cool drinks I think.」

「Ahh, that sounds great! There are times when you get in the bath and want to drink something cold! It's quite convenient.」

「That's right. Then I'll remodel a bit and make some

equipment.」

「Ok!」

It seems that around here I won't just have an onsen, but a source of cold delicious water.

Looks like my onsen will have a natural water server attached to it.

Chapter 139: Practical Use Of New Equipment

Evening.

By the time I had finished setting up the new facility using the spring, Hesty had returned.

「I'm home.」

「Oh, good work today.」

Had they really been speaking since yesterday night? I could see fatigue coloring her face.

She also had some sweat on her forehead.

It was supposed to be a simple information exchange, but perhaps it was harder work than I had anticipated.

「n, well, talking was easy enough, but there were various things that heated me up...I had to, squeeze information from, Ramiyuros, I left her in Dianeia's hands, so it's fine....after that it isn't my business.」

For Hesty that last line was quite an uncharacteristic thing to say.

It must have been quite troublesome I thought when Hesty looked around and focused on an area near me.

「Actually, I see you are, making something strange again.....what is this? A magic fountain?」

「No, it's a simple water fountain.....what is a magic fountain?」

I just made it so it would be easier to flow out and gather...does it look like a fountain?

「Well, that water, has the properties of a purification, potion after all...」

「Eh?」

「I thought it wasn't a simple storage of, water. If you pour it, over your body it will help, restore yourself...I thought.」

I see. Sakura said the magic power was thinner than our tap water. I guess it had more than we thought.

「But, that's a good idea Hesty.」

With this much water coming out it'd be a waste just to leave it as drinking water.

I could increase the equipment and create a small cold bath.

I went with my thoughts and manipulated the trees into creating a wooden bathtub.

It was just a small one so I didn't need to use the golems and could instead just use my wood armor.

「n, if I helped with a good, idea, I'm glad.」

「Yeah. If you have some time, you can help test it out. I want to test the temperature.」

If it was too cold then it could instead worsen people's condition so I might have to adjust it.

「Got it.....that's right, speaking of water, another dragon king could be coming here from, the lake near the Fort City.」

「Huh, another one.」

They really do gather don't they.

As long as they don't cause me trouble I don't mind how many come.

「.....unlike Anne and Karen, she's not really one to follow people

so, I don't think she'll cause, trouble, probably.」

「You're really not being clear huh...」

I said and Hesty looked away scratching her cheek.

「That's because, I haven't seen her in a long, time. Dragons aren't easy to change, personality-wise, but that is only a trend not a rule.」

「Huh, so dragons have a hard time changing their nature.」

「Yeah. But, if events or circumstances need it, they can change, so it isn't definite.」

「I see. Thank you for telling me Hesty.」

「It's ok. I don't know if, she'll come out, here. It seems that she is going, to town, so I just wanted to let, you know.」

As always Hesty has a lot of info.

Either tomorrow or day after tomorrow...after she heals her fatigue I should have her teach me various things, I thought when...

「—ah it's ready.」

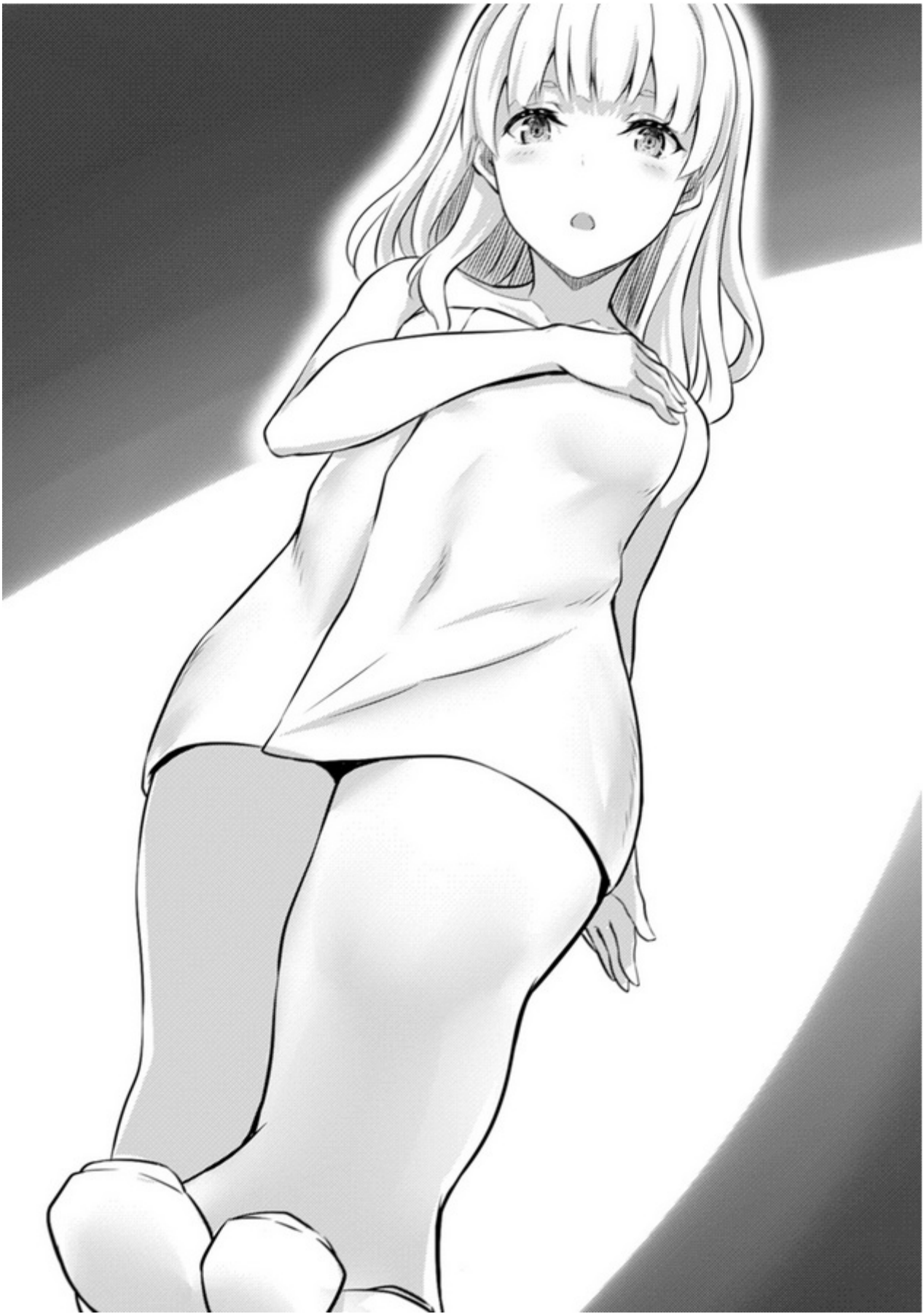
The bathtub had been filled up enough. It was enough to do some half body bathing.

I had placed a single wood tube to allow the water to run into the tub, slowly filling it.

「Good, with this the cold bath is finished.....Hesty did you want to get in? It's a good opportunity to wash off your sweat ok?」

「Is that ok? Then, I'll do as, you say.」

She said, then she went and took off her clothes before coming back with a towel and placing her feet in the water.



「.....n, it feels good, and cold.」

And her face loosened, looking comfy.

It seems like the temperature felt good.

.....maybe I should get in once before I eat dinner.

And so we enjoyed the new equipment.

Chapter 140: Increasing Underground Resource

The day after we'd finished the cold bath, Hesty, Sakura, and I went down into the basement dungeon once more.

We had finished our upstairs cleaning, so now we had to do the downstairs. We basically wanted to check the source down there.

While we were at it we could also check whether the issues with the dungeon masters had ended for now, however...

「.....n, there are no more, energy signatures.」

「That's right. Just as Hesty-chan says, there's not a single one within the area. Master caught the whole herd in one throw.」

Hesty and Sakura completed that task in an instant, so now all I had to do was the onsen check.

We walked deeper inside to reach the source, but...

「....we're already there.」

「We're here huh~」

Though it was quite deep, as I was half-synched with Sakura we

were able to find our way easily and reached it quickly.

It had only taken us a few minutes.

Anyways, it's a good thing.

「.....oh, Hesty. Are you ok being this close?」

We had already gotten close to the source, but Hesty had followed us without maintaining any distance. Even though at first she felt the source was too dangerous and didn't want to approach.

I got worried and asked but Hesty puffed up her chest and said,

「By living on, this land, and going in the, onsen, I have grown a bit. So I can more or less, get close.」

「Oh, well that's amazing.」

「Well, it's mostly thanks to you, so thanks.」

Hesty smiled and said while squeezing my hand.

I didn't do much of anything. However, she's saying it with such a satisfied face...so I'll keep my mouth shut. I thought and took a peak at the source's hollowed out cavity.

As expected the hot water was welling out of it but...

「Doesn't it seem like it's increased?」

I feel like it was coming out more forcefully than the last time we were here. The cavity is now overflowing with hot water after all.

「Ara~, that's right.....the underground water stream may have increased in size.」

「I see...then since we've gone this far already, why don't we take a look at this underground stream.」

「Yes, very well Master.」

And so we began to walk further in to reach the underground stream.

The underground stream ran down the middle of a dome shaped room.

It was similar to when I'd seen it before but,

「The water really has increased.」

The first time I saw it, it was a tiny little stream, but the width of it had expanded. However, it wasn't like there was an especially large amount of rain recently...

「I wonder what happened?」

I said tilting my head when Hesty murmured.

「The magic concentration, is thick.....I think the magic stones, absorbed your surplus, magic, concentrating it into, water, maybe?」

「Yeah, that is very likely. After all we placed a magic stone with power that had turned to water after all.」

Sakura and Hesty nodded and agreed but I didn't understand.

「Magic becomes water?」

「There are magic stones, like that. If you bury them in the ground, then the, water content will, increase.」

Magic stones have way too many uses.

They don't stop at being useful for item creation, but can create such a phenomenon?

「Well, there usually won't be, this large of a change....it's at a weird level.」

「Could you not call things weird while staring at me like that Hesty?」

「n, sorry. But having water, increase like this isn't normal.....maybe once the four spirits, were placed in here, this area was improved, as well?」

That's right, they were down here too.

「With these circumstances, together, this can be explained.」

「I see.....but is it ok for it to increase like this?」

If the soil became loose it would be bad.

「That is alright Master. I am already maintaining the optimal condition. A simple increase in water can be dealt with.」

Sakura said hitting her chest.

In that case I guess I don't have to worry too much.

「n, plus if the stream splits off, using it in a water shortage in Prussia or the Fort City would be helpful.」

「Yeah, our house can use as much water as we want now!」

Fumu, that's good.

There's no need to hold back on using water, I won't waste it, but being able to use it as I please is good.

「.....Well then, recently I've been using the onsen all the time, so once I get back I'll take a bath in my home.」

「Alright, if you use our home (me) that much, it makes me happy!」

And so it was discovered that our water resources had become plentiful.

Chapter 141: Overflowing Idea

The way home from the water vein.

We were walking through the caves and climbing upwards but,

「What is this guy?」

Our way was blocked by one blue, semi-transparent, man-shaped creature.

It was around 2 meters tall and looked quite muscular.

It was edging towards us, as I wondered what it was.

「Well, this is.....a water golem. With a magic stones as its, core, it turns water into a solid.」

「Huh, so you can make a golem from water too.」

I had only ever seen ones made from solid materials like rock, earth, and wood so this was something new.

It also gave a different feeling than a slime.

「n, they have much more magic, than a solid golem. So they are, unexpectedly, dangerous. There are many adventurers who run

on, sight.」

「Why is something like that in our basement?」

「The water, resources increased. It's nature is, much like a wild golem. It desires, magic power, and looks to take it in. It seems to have been, drawn by, you.」

Oh, so that's why it was approaching.

Its movements were dull, and it was stretching out its hands.

「I think it would be...best to defeat it, but is there a way to do so?」

I asked and Hesty tilted her head groaning n~ seeming troubled.

「I think it would be, best to take out it's core.」

「I see.」

So as long as I aim for that blue stone in its chest it should be fine?

All I have on me right now to attack is the wood armor...so maybe I should throw one of my wood armor's arms?

I took one arm off and lifted it into the air.

「Ah, though it is, water, it has high magic, concentration, so it should have high physical toughness——」

「Eh?」

I ended up throwing it right before Hesty could finish her sentence.

With my wood armor's support, the arm strengthened with magic was sent flying like an arrow and struck the water golem head on.

Its body gave off a sound that definitely did not sound like water and...

「——!」

A banging sound erupted as the arm(arrow) pierced into the core.

Then it exited out the other side of the golem and pierced into the wall taking the core with it. The golem, having lost the support of the core, collapsed.

It seems like it turned back into regular water.

「Still, it seems it's unexpectedly doable.」

「.....normally, it'd be considered hard.」

I looked away from Hesty.

Un, well, I could definitely tell it had hardness not befitting water. As I thought that,

「Master~ what should we do with the core?」

Sakura had grabbed the wood arm and the core from the wall and came back.

「Oh right. Using this core as a reference do you think I could make other types of golems?」

「Yes. If Master can clearly keep the image in your mind you should be able to.」

I see. Until now I had ideas about what other golems I could make, but now that I'd seen one it had given me the ability to imagine one to some degree.

「Alright, then let's take it back and see what we can make.」

「Ok, Roger!」

It might be harder than making wood golems, but I think there is value in trying it.

「.....n? Are you increasing your, war potential more?」

「No, less war potential...it's more like I thought it would be nice to have a water golem in my garden so it can sprinkle water around.」

As the temperature rises there should be more times when we are in need of watering.

If it's made of water I think it should be able to water things just by walking around.

I was thinking of how useful an automatic watering system would be.

Maybe I should modify some of my golems to have watering cans for hands.

「This is the, first time I've seen a person, wanting to use, powerful golems for, this kind of, purpose.」

Honestly, I was thinking of making a sprinkler system, but I didn't know how to do so properly.

But I've become used to making golems so this should be easier.

I'll give it a try.

「Really, dungeons are just full of ideas.」

「I think, only you would treat, the threat of dungeons, as a place to give you ideas.....」

As I received Hesty's resigned gaze, I thought that my tasks had increased a bit.

When I get home it'll be work and experiment time.

Chapter 142: Same Experiment, Same Use, Same Improvement

「n~, something like this.」

When we returned home I tried my hand at making a water golem.

「You're as, fast as usual.」

「No well, I wasn't going for perfection this time.」

This golem was simply made using the magic stone I'd gotten from the basement, it hadn't been molded very well.

It was a 3 meter tall shape that looked barely human-shaped.

Even so, it allowed me to get the feeling for this.

「I used a suitable magic stone for a core, but it's unexpectedly doable.」

「Well, though you say it's 'suitable', that's a first-class stone you know? The ones that come from your, basement are both high in, quality and size.」

「Is that so? Well, I'm grateful that it makes it easier to work

with.」

Now that I had the feeling for it, from now on is the real test.

「Alright then, since I can do it with regular water, I want to try to make an onsen golem.」

「Eh? You're making, that?」

「Yeah, I was thinking it'd be good to make ones from various fluids.」

I think I'll have opportunities to use them, I thought as I approached the onsen.

Then I dropped a magic stone into the onsen, imagining it as the center of the onsen water in the form of a human....

「——ok, how about this?」

The onsen water stood up in a human shape but...

「——」

Just like that it lost it's shape and collapsed with a splash.

「Oops, is it really no good?」

「It's not, no good.....it looks like the magic stone didn't have, enough, power.」

「Eh? That matters too?」

「n, of course. The stronger the magic in the, liquid, the more power the core needs. I think if you increase it, to two, magic stones, it will work.」

Fumu fumu, it seems like I need to pay attention to the core from now on. Water golems take a bit more effort.

「eh, wait? The only thing that matters is the amount of magic in the core right?」

「Eh?.....n, that's right, do you have anything else?」

「Well yeah, I have quite a few things filled with magic. I'll try them.」

And so ——

「I did it!」

「Mmhm, in just a moment, you did it huh.....」

「Ooooo.....」

The onsen water golem stood up with its hands raised. In the center of it were three apples floating around.

I had gone into my garden and grabbed apples to toss in, that allowed me to complete my golem.

「Just by looking, my objective is complete....it's basically an apple bath now.」

「Un, it has a really, nice smell.」

With both hands above its head the golem dashed around the onsen spreading a nice apple scent. Thanks to the characteristic of an onsen within it, it should be very helpful when it gets colder. Basically it had become a mobile onsen.

I thought, but Hesty shook her head.

「With the concentration, of magic inside, it just by going in, for a while I would get drunk.....」

「Is it that strong?」

「To me of course. It's at the level that, just by the golem approaching, wild animals would run away.」

That much huh? That's a bit of a shame.

「Well, at least I made a second type.」

The golem made with regular water was blue, and the one made from onsen water was whitish. The differences that popped out were interesting, the experiment had worth I thought.

「.....ah, another, dragon is coming from the sky.」

「Eh? Again?」

Just as Hesty said, I looked up and a dragon was swooping from the sky.

「————Aaaaaaaa!」

It's eyes were bloodshot without reason. So,

「Water golems, blow it away.」

I ordered. At that moment the water and onsen golems suddenly stretched. Just like that, the water that had turned into whips slammed the dragon right in its face. However, that fluid had been

hardened to an incredible degree...

「——!？」

A booming slap echoed out.

And with striking force fitting of the deep sound,

「Oo.....!？」

The dragon was flipped end over end as it flew off into the heavens.

「Wonderful. ——in fact they're really hard, those golems. A level I haven't seen, before, it sent that dragon flying.....」

「Yeah, I was surprised too.」

I thought they would only be more flexible than the wood golems, but I didn't realize they would have such power as well.

They took more time to make and more materials, but the water golems seem to be superior to the others.

However, the mass-production capability and general purpose uses of the wood golems were better, so I'll use them most of the time...

.....however, I can have one or two around the garden just in case.

They'll be able to water it as well.

It seems like my garden will have some new golems.

Chapter 142.5: —Side Prussia— Dragon King Problems

Evening.

Dianeia was with Ramiyuros in her office.

「Sorry you had to stay here with me all day Ramiyuros-dono.」

「Uh-uh, it's ok~. I'm the one who waited to long to bring up that the Dragon King of the Lake was coming. Also I can eat delicious food here~」

「Fumu, it'd make the kitchen staff happy to hear that.」

Honestly her consumption was nothing to sneeze at, but the chefs said 「That makes it worth making!」 and got fired up.

Honestly, since Ramiyuros came the knights and ministers had said the food quality has improved. That's a good thing.

.....though it does raise costs...

Well anyways, thanks to Daichi things had improved so there wasn't a problem. Thanks to the surplus crop the costs had lowered.

At this time that power was so helpful, it was something to be thankful for...

「Princess. You have a guest to see you.」

The Knight Captain called from the door. And,

「Ah, it seems she came.」

Ramiyuros reacted. It seems that the rumored Dragon King had arrived. From what she heard, this Dragon King had a very unique character. She took a deep breath to brace herself and..

「Alright, let her in.」

She said and the door slowly opened.

Then from outside,

「Good evening! This is Prussia's castle right!?!」



A short girl with blue hair energetically greeted as she entered.

Dianeia was surprised but she soon got ahold of herself and stood up.

「That's right, this is Prussia's castle. Umm....Water Dragon King Manaril Seiren?」

「Yeah! Go ahead and call me what you like! You're Dianeia? I heard about you from Ramiyuros! Nice to meet you!」

She said vigorously putting her hand forward for a handshake.

「Y-yeah nice to meet you.」

Dianeia took her hand and felt a cold sensation. Maybe it was because she was the Water Dragon King but her hand was quite damp.

However, though she was soft you could clearly feel strength from her hands. And so,

「Un, for a human you have good hands. They are soft as a woman's hands should be, but you can feel that you've gone through troubles.」

Mana said while holding Dianeia's hand.

「Ah, haha, thank you Mana-dono. ——by the way, what is that behind you?」

Dianeia said looking behind her at the small blue orbs that were floating behind Mana.

The small blue balls with wings floated through the air carrying a box.

「Ahh, these children? They are the spirits of the lake and temple. Don't mind them, they're just carrying my musical instrument.」

「.....instrument?」

The box had an instrument in it? She wondered why they brought something like that.

「Yeah, that's right. I use sound and breath to control water, so this thing is needed. Right guys?」

Mana said and the blue spheres flapped their wings like they were clapping.

「I see. Basically this is your armament?」

「Well, I didn't come to fight though. In fact I came because there was some weirdness in the water and I came to deal with it.」

「Hm? Is that so?」

Dianeia had heard that she came because the other Dragon Kings were here.

「.....well, that too. But first on the list is flood control. Recently there has been water filled with magic power flowing into my lake, and I thought there may be some abnormality.」

「I-is that so...」

Something sprung into Dianeia's mind, but Mana continued talking.

「For that, I'll be doing a live concert in town, so can we move on to that? I can do it pretty much anywhere ok?」

「Eh?」

「Huh?」

Dianeia tilted her head confused and Mana did the same in response. Then they both looked at Ramiyuros.

「.....I'm sorry. I...just remembered.」

It seems they had gotten more than they bargained for with this Dragon King.

Chapter 143: Unexpected And Expected Things

I had gone to bed early yesterday so I woke up fairly early today. After eating breakfast I headed to the onsen.

「Ok, today we'll be doing some more experiments. Sakura are the preparations ready?」

「Yes Master. We have plenty of apples harvested this morning.」

Last night it rained, but it turned for the better this morning.

It was fine weather to continue the work I'd started yesterday.

Then walked into the onsen while lost in my thoughts, about to toss the apples in, when I realized something.

「Sui~, Sui~」

「Hm?」

The water spirit was floating face up in the onsen.

In fact it had stretched out its hand while floating.

「What is this guy doing?」

「Umm.....I think...it's enjoying the onsen?」

「sui~」

I see. It was cute...it made me want to pat it.

「It's.....physical body is in the onsen right?」

I had touched it before and felt that its body seemed to be made of water. However, it was floating in the onsen without seeming like it was diluted or mixed with it.

「Spirits are things of magic after all. It has shape formed from magic, so though it may seem like a liquid it will not mix with the water.」

「Huh, so it's kind of like how oil won't mix with water?」

「Yes. It is a spirit with a set human shape, so it should have this much strength.」

Sakura explained.

「So...there are spirits that are not in a human shape?」

「Of course. In fact, the ones that can take human shape are much rarer.」

Though she said it was rare, the only spirits I've seen so far have been human in shape.

I hadn't seen a single one of a different shape or form.

「I suppose so. The spirits that can't take human shape have enough power to carry some luggage, and can float a bit.....but when they come into contact with Master's magic....they would all fly away as fast as they can. It's natural that you haven't encountered them.」

「So.....I'm being avoided by the spirits....」

That kind of makes me sad.

「I-it's alright. I'm here aren't I?」

「Well, I guess you're right.」

We got off on a bit of a weird tangent. Well, anyways, I found out that there are many types of spirits.

「Also, these children, the four spirits didn't run away after meeting you Master. They aren't avoiding you!」

「Y-yeah, thank you.」

I thanked Sakura and looked at the water spirit again. Certainly it didn't seem like it was going to run or fly away even after I'd gotten this close...when I thought that...

「Sui~ii~」

Finally the spirit lifted its head to look at me.

It's face looked red.

「Umm, it can't be.....drunk, right?」

「E-even as a spirit, it seems that since it wasn't used to the onsen it got drunk.」

I'd been a bit careless lately.

I had even forgotten how this onsen could affect things.

「Ah....for now let's pull it out.」

「Ok」

And so I decided to continue my experiments....after pulling the spirit out.

Early in the morning Dianeia was sitting opposite Mana in her office. Yesterday she had heard from her the various things about her live concert...

『I'll need to examine the schedules so please wait a bit』

She had said to get some time to think. But now was the time to give her answer.

「And so, you finished the schedule right? How is it?」

「Yeah...that's right. For now I have it down in the schedule, but it doesn't look possible for tomorrow or the day after. I'm sorry to say, but you may have to wait for about a week.」

「Well, it was a sudden request, so I'm grateful that you put it in the schedule at all. Plus, for a dragon waiting a few days is nothing.」

Mana nodded in understanding.

It seems she was a surprisingly easy to talk to Dragon King, Dianeia thought as she sighed in relief when Mana opened her mouth once more...

「Until the live I can go around as I please right?」

「Yeah, I don't really mind.」

「I see, then I heard that Hesty was here too, I'd like to go see her.」

At those words, the sigh of relief Dianeia had been heaving was caught in her throat as her head spun.

「Uhhh.....mmmm, actually she's not in this town. She is in the neighborhood though.」

「Is that so? It's been a while since I've seen her.....could you tell me where she is?」

Dianeia had anticipated this but, as she thought this might be bad.

If she told her the place, then it may get involved in trouble once more.

No, it was certain, and it was dangerous. So...

「Th-that won't be necessary. I'll go bring Hesty here.」

「Eh? No you really don't have to do th.....」

「No nonono, Please let me do that much at least! Our schedule has caused you problems after all.....J-just please wait a bit here and I'd be grateful!」

Dianeia said and rapidly teleported.

.....For now she could only go to Daichi's place and inquire after Hesty, that would be best!

Dianeia made her plans as she clenched her fist.

Chapter 144: Magic And Dragons Won't Stop

After finishing the first stage of the water golem crafting, I took the completed golem around the garden.

「I'll have to set it to patrol along this route and...」

Since from now on it would be acting as a watering can for the garden as well, I would have to clearly set where it goes. For that purpose I was taking it around with me, but...

「Ah, G-good Morning Daichi-dono!」

Dianeia suddenly appeared a short distance away in the forest.

「Good Morning. What brought you here at this hour?」

「Actually I need Hesty-dono for something.....is she here?」

「She is but....」

I glanced back at her cabin. Since the previous evening she had cooped herself up in there saying,

『I got a good, magic stone in that dungeon before, so I'll attach it to, your wand as a just in case, spare.』

and took my wand with her.

I was thankful, but she hadn't left her cabin even once since then.

「It looks like she's focusing pretty hard so I don't want to disturb her.」

「I see....Do you have any idea of when she might be finished?」

「Nope. How long does making a wand generally take?」

「Ah, normally a craftsman would take one to two months.」

「Really?」

Hesty usually finished in about 2 to three days.

How fast was she working?

「Even for the fastest craftsman it would take a week, but Hesty-dono finished it in three days.....the people with you are all blessed with amazing abilities.....」

「Well, they're not amazing because they're with me though...」

It was purely how great Hesty was, it had nothing to do with me.

「n.....!」

Hesty opened the door and tottered out.

「Oh, good work Hesty.」

「I'm ok. I still have, some stamina left. I just need to rest, in the onsen, and sleep, and I'll be fine. The spare is mostly, finished too. I'll give it to you later, ok?」

「Yeah, thank you.....and Dianeia, Hesty's come out but she looks quite tired. Do you think that your business will finish quickly?」

I asked and Dianeia took a moment before nodding.

「Y-yeah, it should finish quickly. It's just an acquaintance of her's came to visit. Is that alright Hesty-dono?」

「n? what?」

「Honestly, the Dragon King of the Lake arrived at my castle a while ago——」

She said but at that moment...

「Whaaa, wh-what is this place!? There's so much magic power around here what happened!？」

A girl with blue haired leapt out of a puddle of water on the forest floor.



「Un? What is this girl?」

The puddle was clearly not deep enough to conceal a person.

Where did she even come from I wondered as I look to Hesty and Dianeia but...

「Ma-Manaril-dono? Wh-why are you here?」

「Mana? So you've already arrived here.」

It seems the girls new this new person.

「Ah, Hesty and Dianeia too! What are you doing in this amazing place?」

The blue haired girl asked them.

「W-well, there are various circumstances. But why are you here Mana-dono?」

「I wanted to get a look at the surroundings before my live, and followed an underground stream, but I felt an abnormally huge magic power and came up here to see.」

Then this girl...apparently named Manaril, finally looked at me. And,

「Umm, from the feel of the magic...you should be this place's Master? I'm sorry to intrude like this.」

「No, it's alright. Umm, who are you?」

「Ah, I should name myself. I am Manaril Seiren. I am the Singing Shrine Maiden of the Shrine Beneath the Lake, and the Dragon King of the Lake. Nice to meet you.」

Manaril said and gave a bow.

I see, so this girl was a Dragon King too.

I wondered why she was here, but at that moment I heard someone running through the forest.

「I-I'm sorry~ Daichi-san~ Dianeia-san~. Mana was too fast and I couldn't catch her. Just because she's the Dragon King of the lake...why can she assimilate with water, it's foul play~」

It was Ramiyuros. She was running over.

.....it looks like today would be another day full of guests.

Three of them had already gathered here.

Since they were all Dragon Kings maybe an impromptu Second Dragon King Council would break out.

Well, whatever.

「Well we can't just stand around here. I've got some chairs so let's take a seat. Then let me hear what's going on. Especially Dianeia, you seem to know what's happening so I'll have you explain.」

「O-ok, I got it.」

And so my garden became the place for another meeting between the Princess and the Dragon Kings.

Chapter 145: They're Used To It...the Dragon's Not

I listened to Dianeia and Hesty on a bench in the garden.

「I see. So she came to do a live concert in order to do some flood control?」

「Mm, then she said she wanted to meet Hesty-dono and so I came to facilitate that. However she ended up coming here herself.」

「n, that can't be helped. Manaril just can't, sit still.」

Honestly, without an explanation I would've been completely lost. Thanks to Hesty and Dianeia's explanation I was able to understand the situation. I was thinking when,

「Wait, I'm sorry to be bringing this up now...but how can the two of you be so calm.....?」

Manaril said turning her shocked gaze on Dianeia and Hesty.

「Eh?」

「n?」

「Hesty is...well she might be the same as always. But Dianeia,

how are you able to be so calm in front of a man with such incredible magic powers? Isn't it strange?」

There were a few seconds of silence after Manaril said that.

「Oohhhhh」

Hesty and Dianeia made a sound.

It made me want to speak up too.

「How should I say this.....for a Dragon King to react like this... it's fresh.」

Up until now the Dragon Kings had been expressionless, a pervert, too easygoing, or someone whose life revolves around pitting themselves against strong people. It made it almost unthinkable that she might react like a normal person.

「Umu. With all due respect, it's because I've gotten used to it, but...you're right. It's alright Mana-dono. Daichi-dono isn't..... that scary.」

Why did you have to say 「that scary」, but I won't bring it up right now.

「W-well I do know that Hesty is living here quite peacefully, I understand it logically. But I can just sense that the magic power

here is completely unbelievable! It's like an Origin Spirit or a Living tear in the world you know!？」

「Well, I'm just a person who lives here peacefully.」

I'm not something as important sounding as an Origin spirit or Living tear.

「Th-that's still stragne. The underground water vein has amazing magic too. So much so that I thought my senses were broken!」

Huh, so this Dragon King can sense the water vein in my basement.

「Mana is the, Dragon King with the best, sensing ability range.」

「Yeah, thanks to that I was in for a shock.....It seems like the reason the water flowing into my lake was becoming so incredible was thanks to you.」

Manaril said and stared at my face.

If I recall correctly, she lived in a lake by the Fort City.

「Did I cause some trouble?」

It was bothering me a bit, so I asked...but she shook her head.

「No it's nothing to be sorry about, it's quite welcome. Water from magic stones is like wine comparatively, as it flows down the river into my place it makes the water very delicious and nutritious. Thank you.」

「Well, it's simply a result of me living my everyday life. No need to give thanks.」

Actually, I hadn't expected it to be compared to wine.

I wonder if this Dragon King enjoys poetic expressions.

「Well it's just that a bad little thing saw the delicious wine coming from the stream and ran away from my lake straight to the stream. So I came out to stop it. I need to do the live to achieve my flood control.」

「You came all the way here?」

「That's right. It's something that I should do. It came from my home after all.」

I see, this Dragon King seems like a pretty good person.

With Hesty and Manaril as examples...it seems that the small Dragon Kings have a strong sense of responsibility.

「Fue.....? What is it Daichi-san~?」

「No...it's nothing.」

I looked at Ramiyuros who was lazing about as I thought those things.

「Well, anyways. Once again, Nice to meet you Manaril. It's good to meet a sociable Dragon King.」

I said and held out my hand for a handshake.

「Ah, un, n-nice to meet you. But you can just call me Mana...」

She timidly grasped my hand and,

「Hiyaan!」

Cried out in a small voice.

「n? Did I grip too hard?」

「N-no, it's...ok. Un, nice to meet, you, Daichi...san.」

Manaril said with a red face as she averted her eyes.

「.....huh, somehow I feel like Mana-dono's behavior is a bit strange.....?」

Dianeia seemed to be muttering something, I wonder what.

Anyways, now Mana and I had become acquaintances.

Chapter 146: Creativity From Experience And Becoming Accustomed

By the time we'd finished discussing matters with Manaril, the sun had almost set.

This brought the meeting to a close, but...

「So Dianeia, I sensed where the water vein is so I think I can do it out in the plains outside of Prussia, but could we construct a concert venue?」

Manaril said before they left.

「Hm? Are you really okay with the plains?」

Will it be alright if she doesn't do it inside the forest or the Dragon Valley? It's alright if she does it above the water vein?

「Yeah, that's fine. After all, Daichi-san is here in the forest. He's like a magical bulwark for the water vein here after all.」

I'm being treated like a protective wall...but if there won't be any problems I don't mind.

「Also I have tentatively done a purification/exorcism, so bad things shouldn't approach. That should also guarantee some safety.」

「Oh, thank you.」

I don't know what effect it'd have, but it seems to be preventative.

What a good hard working Dragon King.

「Don't worry about it. It was easy enough after all.....however the plains and the forest are a different story.」

Those places need her song, so that probably means there'll be trouble.

「Venue...a venue huh.....Mana-dono how large a venue do you need?」

「Let's see....a place with enough space for a stage and my spirits to play their instruments, also a place for the audience to watch. If there are a lot of people listening it should increase the effectiveness of my magic.」

「I see. A place in the town is possible but....hmm the plains.....」

Dianeia said with a difficult face.

「Is it really that hard?」

「Ah, no, if we take our time it is no problem. However, the stage in town already needs many people to work on it, so it's a bit difficult.....Mana-dono you wanted the performances to take place with less than a week between them?」

「Yes, thinking of safety I'd like the two concerts to take place with as little time between them as possible.」

In other words, the construction of both of them should take place at the same time.

It sounds like a pain but,

「Mana, do the materials for the stage matter?」

「Hm? The stage.....that's right, as long as I can sing and dance and it won't break from the vibrations it can be anything.」

I see. That's good.

「You did something nice for me with this underground stream here, so I'll do something in return.」

「Eh?」

「Dianeia, take me to the plains and I'll do the construction.」

Dianeia, Hesty, Manaril, and I were teleported to the plains. I scattered several apples around.

「Ok then, with this.....—Grow and Come together trees—」

And so the apples grew into trees and grew together into one large shape. It was a huge semicircular stage.

Furthermore, the other ones in the surroundings grew into bleacher style seats.

And so it was completed in a few seconds.

「Ok then, finished. How is it?」

「Umm.....what?」

「Ah, did you want it larger? I can make it larger but I'll need more trees to strengthen it.」

I turned my head to ask her, but Manaril immediately shook her head.

「N-nononononono! This is more than enough, but how did you

do this? Actually how did you manipulate all those trees at once!?!」

How? I just grew the trees...but I can't explain it well.

「Well anyways...this place is pretty close to my home so I can extend my control area here pretty easily. It's basically home ground advantage.」

「No, it can't just be home ground advantage when you do something like this....!」

Manaril said and looked at Hesty.

「——Hesty are you always watching things like this?」

「n, well, I've become pretty used to, it. You will too, so don't worry about, it.」

「I-is that so? Dianeia you——?」

「Well, umm, I'm surprised too, but I'm more impressed...Daichi-dono's daily progress is truly something to admire.」

Dianeia said as she looked between me and the stage.

「——Daichi-dono, thank you for showing me this example. I'd like the town's stage to be like this one.」

「Well, it's something made by one inexperienced in construction, so only use it as a reference.」

I had thought of a theater stage and made it.

Also I wanted to make it strong enough that even a golem could jump around it.

「Ok, got it.」

「Neither a Dragon King or a Spirit...able to make things like this.....」

And Manaril was looking at me dumbfoundedly.

I feel like she was surprised about something strange.

But this was one problem solved, so it was all alright.

Chapter 146.5: —Side Prussia— Tale Of A Dragon And Bad Water

After finishing their talks with Daichi, Dianeia was guiding Manaril through the castle. Since she would be staying for a while as a guest they had already placed her spirits and instruments inside the room. That was where she was guiding her.

Since it was nighttime the passageways were mostly deserted, but even so this part of the castle was usually quiet. After all...

「Sorry to suddenly ask for a room without too many people around Dianeia.」

「No, don't worry about it Manaril-dono. This area is under pressure from both the magic researches and the surrounding soldiers, that kind of room is easily available.」

After all, she was a Dragon King who had brought spirits on top of that. Of course she would want a place with less activity, Dianeia thought.

She was a considerate Dragon King just like Hesty most likely. Dianeia was grateful for that as she proceeded to bring up a matter that she was concerned about.

「By the way Manaril-dono...what did you mean by a bad little thing came over?」

「Oh, it was a spirit dragon that was sealed in the lake. ——It's a bad dragon that I suppressed and subdued. It was called Katarakta.」

「Spirit dragon.....so you mean enough spirits with nature's will gathered and combined...turning into the shape of a dragon?」

She didn't really know the name Katarakta, but she did know some things about spirit dragons. She had once read about such things in the castle libraries.

「I'm impressed you know about this. The will of this particular one is quite bad——it is malicious and evil thoughts fused into the water. It gathered together to form Katarakta, a powerful dragon with the ability to negatively influence waters.」

「What do you mean by negatively influence?」

「When Katarakta wakes up and goes on a rampage, the waters turn black, muddy, and impure...that water is the same as poison. That's why I try to never let it wake up.」

It was a worse existence than Dianeia had thought. Prussia had plenty of water and many industries. If the water was wasted like this...there would be a lot of damage.

「Though it is sealed, it can't be allowed to swim into an underground vein to eat the magic inside. That is the true form of the bad little thing I mentioned.」

「I see. It has more influence than I thought.」

「Well, yes there are exceptions though. Like that crazy magic at Daichi-san's place.....fufu, just by remembering it makes me want to laugh.」

Manaril murmured as she looked off into the distance smiling wryly.

「I'm not very physically strong so I can't help but feel afraid.」

「Eh? But Mana-dono is a Dragon King right?」

「Yes, but in terms of fighting strength...I'm probably only a little stronger than you. I can't compare to the other Dragon Kings, let alone Daichi-san.」

Manaril said while emphasizing with her hands, but...

「Isn't that plenty strong? Though I'm not really trying to say I'm strong.....」

「I was just saying I was weak for a Dragon King. However, my songs have the power to seal Katarakta who can eat magic, so I'm the Dragon King who can deal with it. If I sing then I can also subdue its power to eat magic.」

Manaril said pointing to her throat.

Certainly if it wasn't stopped after waking up, it would destroy crops and other things, it was truly a troublesome existence.

「You can't destroy Katarakta through exorcism?」

If it was a spirit then by using power you should be able to subordinate it, but why didn't they do that? It was bothering her...

「That's impossible. Me and four Dragon Kings came together to fight it, but taking it down would take too much time. There would be a lot of collateral damage, so it was decided to seal it instead.」

「So you already tried.....sorry I brought it up.」

「Don't worry about it. It was true that I didn't explain well enough, but as long as I properly do the concerts it should be alright. It hasn't fully awakened since nothing big has happened.」

So, I need to get into proper condition Manaril said while stroking her throat.

She was diligently thinking of the people and this town when she said she wanted to sing. In that case Dianeia thought she needed to do everything she could.

「Mana-dono could we speak a bit more about the live?」

「Ok, that's fine. Let's talk a bit more inside the room?」

「Umu, also there might be some things written in the library about the evil water dragon. I'll look into it.」

「Oh, thank you.」

And so, Dianeia and Manaril continued to chat.

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